

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

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### Responses

#### 1. Economic Recovery and Growth

*Given the current climate of federal and global fiscal restraint, what specific federal measures do you feel are needed for a sustained economic recovery and enhanced economic growth in Canada?*

I think it is time to cut personal taxes and let taxpayers spend through the economic crisis to enhance economic growth.

#### 2. Job Creation

*As Canadian companies face pressures resulting from such factors as uncertainty about the U.S. economic recovery, a sovereign debt crisis in Europe, and competition from a number of developed and developing countries, what specific federal actions do you believe should be taken to promote job creation in Canada, including that which occurs as a result of enhanced internal and international trade?*

I think another round of funding to cities for roads, sewers and bridge repairs as well as housing repairs that were down loaded from the provinces. The spending should be capped at 50 billion.

#### 3. Demographic Change

*What specific federal measures do you think should be implemented to help the country address the consequences of, and challenges associated with, the aging of the Canadian population and of skills shortages?*

The money from the EI fund should be used to train people for skill shortages. The aging population has been neglected for some time now even though the Gov't new about baby boomers adding to deficits. The time has come for monies to be put in a fund to help ease baby boomers future deficits.

#### 4. Productivity

*With labour market challenges arising in part as a result of the aging of Canada's population and an ongoing focus on the actions needed for competitiveness, what specific federal initiatives are needed in order to increase productivity in Canada?*

Market challenges for competitiveness can be helped by granting subsidies for companies that can create new jobs and by hiring more people.

#### 5. Other Challenges

*With some Canadian individuals, businesses and communities facing particular challenges at this time, in your view, who is facing the most challenges, what are the challenges that are being faced and what specific federal actions are needed to address these challenges?*

I think that seniors and the younger generation are facing the most challenges. Seniors that are living in poverty should have taxes cut by 50% to help offset poverty. The young people without jobs should be trained to offset the skill shortages that we are facing in Canada.