

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?

Keep income tax down but put more taxes on polluting companies. Remove support for agricultural supply management.

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?

Remove red tape for imports and exports. Encourage efficiency by manufacturers so they can compete globally without subsidies.

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?

Support education and training. Encourage succession planning and implementation in the workplace. Increase immigration into Canada by skilled workers. Develop cost-effective user-pay retirement housing systems and services for those who can afford it.

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?

Incentives and environment to support innovation. Encourage efficient production and eliminate subsidies to inefficient companies/sectors. Remove supply-chain management in the agriculture sector.

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?

Need to encourage innovation and diversification to reduce risk and to increase flexibility.