

## 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?*

We need our government to slow down the money that that is going into building prisons and buying fighter jets etc and redirect that money to poverty which would in fact lower the need for prisons and save billions of dollars which are spent as a result of social problems which are directly related to poverty. We also need our government to get about changing our relationship with our native people and empower them to grow and educate their children which again is a win win for us all. Also instead of selling off all our natural resources we should be refining or manufacturing here as well as being aggressive in training our youth for these jobs.

##### 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 believe globalization is in fact damaging to our economy as we are becoming a nation of buyers rather than manufacturers. it is time for our government to encourage more small business development as well as more local purchasing. for example grocery stores should be selling a larger % of food which is produced locally either grown or packaged. I also think there could be many jobs created by making communities more self sufficient by utilizing solar or wind power to power local business or whole towns. i see a future where we are off a large electric grid and are independent users of electricity. example all homes built should have to be powered by solar or some other form of green energy. there should also be money via credits for home owners to upgrade their homes to become self sufficient

##### 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?*

There are many many young people who have dropped out of school and aren't working , they should be given job training for free for many of the jobs which will be available. i also think many government offices should be moved to smaller out lying communities to encourage people to live in smaller cleaner towns and take some of the pressure off the cities. It would be wise to concentrate on education for our natives as they are the fastest growing group.

#### **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?*

Well first of all they should lead by example and i fail to see a lot of productivity from our politicians. Much of their time is spent campaigning for upcoming elections , and do we really need 30 more politicians, couldn't we just hire more p[people to work with the ones we now have. We are all able to access 3 different levels of government at any time perhaps they should all work together in one common office to be more efficient. We need to bring in more immigrants and attempt to tone down our rhetoric which can be quite racist at times to encourage more to come.

#### **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?*

Our native population is obviously the most challenged and i am quite embarrassed by the way we are treating them. It is time to settle treaties as well as give them ownership over their land and resources. We need to put money into infrastructure as well. We need to increase the funding to the CBC so they can continue to bring Canadian content and culture across our country and help us understand each other. We are currently living in a climate of division and i actually believe our Prime Ministers intent is to break up our country. We have become a society dependant on large conglomerates to deliver our services and food this will be our down fall we need to really work to go back to local communities depending on themselves for a larger % of their needs