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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?

In the Yukon, maintaining and promoting our tourism products are vital to our long term stability and is in the best interest environmentally. As a whole, I think Canada should commit and recreate itself as a leader in healthcare.

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?

Support your small businesses. More than 20 years ago my husband created a small business in the territory. We are still running it to this day. With Federal and Territorial pay schedules as high as they are, it makes it nearly impossible for us to compete for the most highly skilled workers. Additionally, we find that the government is often in direct competition with private industry rather than promoting and playing a supporting role in already existing products. We can create more jobs, but not if we're up against the deep pockets of government.

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?

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?

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?

