

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?

Increased support if not financial then otherwise for arts and cultural institutions such as CBC in order to stimulate morale, provide perspective and provide a community for debate, ideas and support. Also, funding for government internships and post graduate work experience. I am a post graduate student running my own business but I still need to work another job to make my student loan payments. More government internships!

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?

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?

Funding for nursing programs especially in rural and aboriginal communities, education for children on aging.

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?

Funding for nursing programs especially in rural and aboriginal communities, education for children on aging.

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?

Cuts to the arts! Arts uplift the spirit in times of hardship, this is well known. Cut politicians allowable spending on dinners, flights, suits etc. Not everything is a business expense. Set an example Canadian politicians.