

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?

Slow, regulated growth. Fewer tax breaks and incentives for oil companies.

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?

Youth employment and volunteer programs.

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 into publicly funded health care - including non-formal health care practises. review of the euthenasia case and allow elderly people the right to die with dignity.

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?

increased tax breaks for value-added products. reduced tuition costs and investment in education.

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?

small businesses face the most challenges. technology gap with older generation running business - incentives for small businesses to invest in IT building retro fits - not just home retro fits, but commercial. when you build to save energy over the long term it saves and requires less stress on the system. increase taxes to large businesses and put those dollars towards small business development.