

## Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

### Pre-budget consultations 2012

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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?*

Cut defence and cut spending for propandist activities (portraits of the Queen, money to commemorate a war that did not involve Canadians – 1812).

#### 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 the development of sustainable energy. Support research for restoring and maintaining the ecoculture. Stop playing the neoliberal game and continuing to push production at all costs.

#### 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?*

Labour shortage? You want to create more jobs but there is a labour shortage? How does that make sense? The Earth is overpopulated. Let the population age.

#### 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?*

Stop competing in the same areas as our neighbours. Innovate, dare; we have brains and imagination. The best competition is competition in which we are the only expert. In green technologies, in planning and design with vision, in transportation that is revolutionary in its efficiency and energy savings.

#### 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?*

Artists are being suffocated by the government. Research to protect a viable, healthy and renewable ecosystem has been destroyed by recent government decisions. Change objectives.