

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?

Putting Canadians to work by retrofitting our housing stock to be more energy efficient. This would result in savings for home-owners and increase the skill level of Canadian workers. The program could go some way toward improving Canada's reputation as a wastrel country. The increase in economic activity and resulting taxes would help defray the cost of grants given to home owners

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?

We need a strategy to lure investment in manufacturing. We need infrastructure improvements in roads bridges and high speed rail.

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?

Real apprenticeship programs that graduate real tradesmen.

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?

Real apprenticeship programs that graduate real tradesmen. High tech industry need to be able to hire experienced tradespeople ...not community college imitations.

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?

The Natives in Canada are treated abysmally...which drags down the country as a whole. We need to rely on this population to lead Canada into the future. Start with housing and education on and off reserves... a federal responsibility.