

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?

The unions need to be held accountable. We should all have equal opportunity - not equal rights. With opportunity comes first responsibility and then privilege. I do think that government spending also needs to be accounted for from a logistical standpoint. Nothing erodes public opinion faster than stories of individual people overspending.

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?

Again - unions have to go.

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?

Stop bringing in an abundance of immigrants. Recognize and compensate skilled workers here appropriately. Truck driving comes to mind..... I get that you (the government - me) are not directly responsible for making that happen but somehow there has to be a change in attitude in Canada's population. It will do us all good to work for what we need instead of what we want. We need to be more self-sufficient.

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?

Again, how is it that the government is responsible for the peoples productivity?

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?

There is getting to be a larger gap between who makes what. Common sense would be a needed specific federal action. Be like a strict parent who wants what is best for their child. The attitude of "entitlement" must be dealt with.

