

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?

Increase and then maintain Cultural Funding. Encourage growth in the Film and Fine Art sectors. Grants for artists fuels creativity and creates role models for future Creative Economic Solutions.

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?

Tax the upper class - who continue to benefit from loop holes created by the government to encourage business at the expense of our human resources, culture and most importantly the well being of the majority of the population of Canada.

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?

Counseling and training for youth and mothers entering or returning to the workforce.

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?

Education and Cultural sector. Reroute funding to the children - through whole well rounded education(sports, arts and nature) - and Mothers - returning to the workforce after raising children at home especially Visual Artists.