

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?

I believe each riding should have a fair share of the economic development and only the MP of that riding can either loan or borrow from other MP ridings as needed. Economic development should not be in one budget and divided to those who have the power. Each physical year, monies spent, loaned or borrowed from other ridings need to be made accountable and revenues posted publicly where money is spent, owned or loaned to other MP ridings. We see too much development in one area and nothing in ridings of other MPs.

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?

See my comments on item 1 for budget powers,, I believe the MP of his/her riding know best to the needs of community and companies therein. Its time we focus on the small businesses and make them grow.. If your a large corporation established for many years,, then hey should know or be prepared for economic down turns; Lets focus on the little guy and help him become a bigger company.

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?

Why is it there is a cap on CPP payments,, Why not have a formula which enable people to plan their future and retire early given their chosen amount to pay. I cannot understand why we ask our seniors to work longer when our younger generations cannot find work and are then forced on welfare or social assistance programs.. Look ahead,, the best time to invest for ones future,, is when your young, not middle aged when you finally find that job.

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?

Get the elderly on pension and get the younger generation a job.

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?

Some of the most challenges will be the cost of transportation, it sad it costs so much to take a train in Canada,, Look at the way Via Rail is run,, its a shame.. we know the cost of crude oil will continue to rise, we have so much here in Canada, yet we do not have control of the price of our own oil.. Imagine if we could get Canadian Oil at \$20 a barrel and how competitive Canada would be on the global market as an industry then be the country to invest in.