

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?

Combat tax evasion, invest in the social economy and improve support for entrepreneurship.

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?

Increase solidarity tax credits (improving purchasing power) funded through tax increases for the highest income brackets in the country. Introduce regulations to address overindebtedness.

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?

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?

Encourage the hiring of young people, thus enabling them to acquire experience more quickly and to become more productive. Facilitate recognition of newcomers' prior learning. Promote immigration.

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 environment is an issue that must constantly be addressed if we want to guarantee ourselves a quality of life equal to that of our ancestors. We must encourage businesses and communities taking steps in that direction and penalize those engaged in archaic behaviour. A carbon emissions trading market, support for energy efficiency, and so on.