

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?

Easy access to education and job training. GOovernment financed high quality early childhood education High quality public transportation with low environmental damage Government investment in infrastructure In the past, when the Great Recession occurred FDR invested in infrastructure ensuring the economic survival of individuals, families towns and cities. Probably learning from history would be a good idea. Cut funding to Fraser Institute and Big Oil. They are corrupt and evil.

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?

Investing in infrastructure is always a good idea. Not only does it contribute to the long term well being of the citizens, it employs them and puts money into the hands of individuals who spend that money close to home revitalizing their communities. Such structures as wind farms, parks, recreation centres, public transportation facilities, renewed roads and bridges and strengthening of existing structures such as the railroads are good places to start.

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?

Increase quality of public transportation. Increase quality and access to healthcare. Increase training for healthcare and home care employees. Increase access to recreational facilities for young and old alike. Remove harmful substances from food and environment.

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?

Increase research and production of environmentally sound technologies. Increase research and production of health products. Increase education Increase healthcare Increase access to recreational facilities for all age groups. Increase public transportation Increase child care facilities

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?

When individuals are gainfully employed they have more money to spend in their communities. The Federal government should invest in daycare, early childhood education, infrastructure projects, healthcare, recreational facilities that provide services and jobs to communities so that individuals will have the money necessary to support local businesses.