

Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)

Pre-budget consultations 2012

Southwest Nova Biosphere Reserve Assoc.

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?

National energy policy. Enhanced community-based initiatives to advance economic development.

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?

Support local initiatives to enhance economic development incl. tourism, sustainable resource management, science and education

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?

Support regional and local skills enhancement education. Support employment programmes that provide work experience to youth and recent graduates. Retrain folks that have lost jobs due to redundancy.

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?

The maintenance of unequal trade relations with communist dictatorships such as China will inevitably result in the loss of Canadian jobs and industrial sovereignty. Lower wages and sheer capacity of the Chinese economy will work to the economic disadvantage of Canada. Low labour costs and currency value manipulation will allow China to dominate and damage Canada's economy. Selling out our energy based corporations and associated resources will prevent effective long term economic husbandry of non renewable resources.

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?

