

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?

It seems to me that the government could start by improving how it manages its budget.

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?

Start by helping domestic businesses and creators through lower taxes.

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?

Measures for the aging population are necessary. This segment of society has a wealth of knowledge and skills! Youth mentorship programs would be very effective.

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?

Give priority to domestic markets and merchants, to products made in Canada!

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?

Stop making cuts to the arts!!! Art is everywhere, and it enhances our daily lives. Without the arts, we would be lost. Without the arts, Canada's reach cannot transcend its borders. Without the arts, an entire culture would die. Without the arts, in all its forms (e.g. theatre, song, painting, sculpture, dance, architecture and design), we cannot build a shared history.