

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?

More Canadian made products. Almost impossible to find Canadian made products in the stores.

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?

It is pretty tough competing with some countries because of the wages paid to their workers. Also lots of big companies prefer to pay overtime instead of hiring more people.

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?

Give incentives to companies to bring in younger people to train with tradesmen. The small company probably needs assistance to do this. This should be in conjunction with schools with people who want to be trades people.

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?

We have to get these young healthy, lazy, people on welfare who think they do not have to work, to do something to receive their free cheque. Maybe form work crews to do work in our Provincial parks, city parks, road repair. Work at snack stands in arenas, clean up the litter around different areas. Put them in the military to get trained and get out of the mould of boredom. Do something to get their cheque.

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?

Everyone has challenges. Retired people who have worked their whole life and contributed to society are still taxed to death. The welfare people who have never contributed and do not intend to are a drain on our systems, so we all suffer for that.