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How to Participate in the 2009 Pre-Budget Consultations

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The Minister of Finance will be hosting pre-budget consultations with individuals, organizations, associations and other stakeholders across the province as part of the government's ongoing dialogue with the citizens of Ontario.

In particular, the Minister is interested in hearing Ontarians' views on what more the government can do during uncertain economic times to prudently manage Ontario's finances and protect important public services.

When preparing your comments, please consider the following questions:

1. During this period of global economic uncertainty and fiscal challenges, what should the Ontario Government's top priorities be for the 2009 Budget?
2. During uncertain economic times, should the Ontario Government work towards achieving a balanced budget or run a deficit in order to do everything it can to protect priority programs and services?
3. Given the current fiscal challenges, what government programs could be delayed, phased in more slowly, or eliminated?
4. What further steps can the Ontario Government take to promote economic growth and job creation?
5. How can the Ontario Government work more effectively with other levels of government and other key partners during challenging economic times?

Information on which communities and locations the Minister plans to visit will be posted at www.fin.gov.on.ca in late October 2008. Individuals who wish to attend one of these consultations can call toll-free 1-800-263-7965 or 1-800-263-7776 TTY.

The information below describes how to participate in the 2009 pre-budget consultations.

SUBMISSIONS

Visit the Ministry of Finance website at www.fin.gov.on.ca to submit your ideas for the 2009 Budget. Click on the "Tell Us What You Think" item in the What's New menu and complete the form provided.

Submissions may also be e-mailed to submissions@ontario.ca, sent by fax to 416-325-0969 or mailed to: The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, c/o Budget Secretariat, Frost Building North, 3rd Floor, 95 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, ON M7A 1Z1.