

The Economy

1. What specific measures would your government take to stimulate our economy?

Debt

2. What in your view, is an acceptable debt level as a percentage of GDP for the province (35%, 25%, 10% or 0% of GDP)? In 2008-2009 Debt to GDP was 35%.¹

Provincial Spending

3. Since provincial revenues are declining, tough choices are needed. Please rank each of the following as to how your government would address declining revenues:

___ Cuts to Program Spending

___ Cuts to Departmental Spending

___ Tax and Fee Increases

¹ <http://www.gov.ns.ca/news/details.asp?id=20081002003>

___ Deficits

Please allocate 100% across the four options.

Health Care

4. Health care costs now make up more than 38% of provincial expenditures. How would your government control health care costs and how would that impact the current standard of care?

Taxes

5. What specific changes to Nova Scotia's tax system would your government make?

Transportation

6. Would your government support an amalgamated transportation authority for Halifax?

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