

Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q2 2006 as Compared with Q1 2006⁽¹⁾

Sector	Business situation				Volume of business/output ⁽²⁾				Number of persons engaged				Selling price/service charge ⁽³⁾			
	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "better" over that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)
	Better (i)	Same (ii)	Worse (iii)		Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)		Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)		Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	
Manufacturing	40	54	6	+34	56	31	14	+42	16	79	5	+11	21	71	8	+13
Construction	18	74	8	+10	20	63	17	+3	11	76	13	-2	6	89	5	+1
Wholesale and Retail	28	53	19	+9	40	31	29	+11	26	69	5	+21	14	83	3	+11
Import and Export Trade	35	57	9	+26	50	39	10	+40	26	66	8	+18	9	74	17	-8
Restaurants and Hotels	27	59	14	+13	22	60	18	+4	26	65	9	+17	27	69	4	+23
Transport and Related Services	26	66	8	+18	29	64	7	+22	29	71	0	+29	17	73	9	+8
Communications	40	55	6	+34	42	53	5	+37	36	54	10	+26	6	69	26	-20
Real Estate	49	45	6	+43	22	71	6	+16	36	62	2	+34	14	86	0	+14
Business Services	27	65	8	+19	27	60	12	+15	9	82	9	0	4	91	5	-1
Banks, Financing and Insurance	58	40	1	+57	66	32	2	+64	43	55	2	+41	24	75	1	+23
All Above Sectors ⁽⁵⁾	37	55	7	+30												

Notes :

- (1) In collecting views on the quarter-to-quarter changes, if the variable in question may be subject to seasonal variations, respondents are asked to provide the expected changes after excluding the normal seasonal variations.
- (2) The exact variable asked in the questionnaire varies slightly according to the characteristics of the sector : "Volume of Production" in manufacturing; "Volume of Construction Output" in construction; "Volume of Sales" in the wholesale and retail, and import and export trade; and "Volume of Business" in other sectors.
- (3) The exact variable asked in the questionnaire varies slightly according to the characteristics of the sector : "Selling Price" in manufacturing, wholesale and retail, and import and export trade; "Tender Price" in construction; "Price of Food Provided" in restaurants; "Premium Rate" in insurance; "Price of Properties Sold/Management Fee/Commission Rate" in real estate; and "Charge for Services Rendered" in other sectors.
- (4) The "net balance", with its appropriate sign, indicates the direction of expected change in the variable concerned. A positive sign indicates a likely upward trend while a negative sign, a likely downward trend.
- (5) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.