

Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q4 2006 as Compared with Q3 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	20	68	13	+7	25	55	20	+5	15	76	9	+6	10	88	2	+8
Construction	29	64	7	+22	26	61	13	+13	22	71	7	+15	25	71	4	+21
Wholesale and Retail	41	54	5	+36	49	41	10	+39	23	76	1	+22	5	91	4	+1
Import and Export Trade	28	67	6	+22	38	48	15	+23	13	81	6	+7	5	83	12	-7
Restaurants and Hotels	58	40	2	+56	60	34	6	+54	34	60	5	+29	31	69	0	+31
Transport and Related Services	28	68	4	+24	41	56	3	+38	39	54	7	+32	24	76	0	+24
Communications	40	59	1	+39	45	53	2	+43	14	82	3	+11	5	88	7	-2
Real Estate	50	45	5	+45	45	43	12	+33	29	63	9	+20	23	77	0	+23
Business Services	19	77	3	+16	24	72	3	+21	16	66	18	-2	2	98	0	+2
Banks, Financing and Insurance	41	52	7	+34	56	37	7	+49	35	65	0	+35	11	84	5	+6
All Above Sectors ⁽⁵⁾	33	61	6	+27												

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.