

Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q4 2007 as Compared with Q3 2007 ⁽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	34	42	24	+10	26	43	31	-5	16	74	10	+6	10	86	4	+6
Construction	23	71	5	+18	20	68	12	+8	10	78	11	-1	24	60	16	+8
Wholesale and Retail	45	53	2	+43	60	36	4	+56	32	62	6	+26	26	66	9	+17
Import and Export Trade	30	61	9	+21	36	56	8	+28	15	82	3	+12	12	77	11	+1
Restaurants and Hotels	56	44	0	+56	53	43	4	+49	30	70	0	+30	52	48	0	+52
Transport and Related Services	21	75	4	+17	20	75	5	+15	18	77	5	+13	6	90	4	+2
Communications	54	44	2	+52	53	45	2	+51	29	68	3	+26	11	84	5	+6
Real Estate	38	58	4	+34	39	50	11	+28	49	50	1	+48	38	59	3	+35
Business Services	27	69	4	+23	34	58	9	+25	21	76	3	+18	7	93	0	+7
Banks, Financing and Insurance	42	55	4	+38	56	41	4	+52	51	47	2	+49	18	80	2	+16
All Sectors Above ⁽⁵⁾	34	60	6	+28												

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.