

Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q2 2010 as Compared with Q1 2010 ⁽¹⁾

Sector	Business situation				Volume of business/output ⁽²⁾				Number of persons engaged				Selling price/service charge ⁽³⁾			
	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "better" over that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = 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)					
Manufacturing	46	46	8	+38	50	44	6	+44	12	78	10	+2	20	74	5	+15
Construction	26	61	12	+14	32	63	5	+27	18	81	1	+17	27	63	10	+17
Import/Export Trade and Wholesale	31	66	4	+27	34	60	6	+28	4	89	7	-3	11	82	7	+4
Retail	20	73	7	+13	20	69	11	+9	18	82	0	+18	9	86	5	+4
Accommodation and Food Services ⁽⁶⁾	29	43	28	+1	31	42	28	+3	12	81	7	+5	20	74	6	+14
Transportation, Storage and Courier Services	33	61	6	+27	44	51	5	+39	21	77	2	+19	13	82	5	+8
Information and Communications	26	58	16	+10	32	55	13	+19	8	92	0	+8	12	85	3	+9
Financing and Insurance	40	57	4	+36	41	57	2	+39	25	66	9	+16	10	90	0	+10
Real Estate ⁽⁷⁾	40	60	0	+40	43	57	0	+43	30	70	0	+30	31	69	0	+31
Professional and Business Services ⁽⁸⁾	29	67	4	+25	36	57	7	+29	23	73	4	+19	9	86	5	+4
All Sectors Above ⁽⁹⁾	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 import/export trade and wholesale, and retail; 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, import/export trade and wholesale, and retail; "Tender Price" in construction; "Price of Food Provided" in food services; "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 percentages for the three response categories may not add up to 100% owing to rounding.
- (5) 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.
- (6) Accommodation and food services mainly cover services rendered by hotels and restaurants.
- (7) Real estate sector covers real estate development, leasing, brokerage and agency, maintenance management, and other real estate services.
- (8) Professional and business services cover legal, accounting and other professional, scientific and technical services, and administrative and support services.
- (9) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.