Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q3 2011 as Compared with Q2 2011 (1)

		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		Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments		
Sector	Better (i)	Same (ii)	Worse (iii)	choosing "better" over that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	
Manufacturing	25	60	15	+10	29	70	2	+27	12	86	3	+9	23	73	4	+19	
Construction	33	46	21	+12	45	43	12	+33	35	58	7	+28	25	65	10	+15	
Import/Export Trade and Wholesale	19	75	6	+13	29	65	6	+23	16	78	6	+10	21	75	4	+17	
Retail	32	56	12	+20	32	62	6	+26	28	72	0	+28	27	73	0	+27	
Accommodation and Food Services ⁽⁶⁾	27	55	18	+9	32	58	10	+22	18	81	1	+17	30	67	3	+27	
Transportation, Storage and Courier Services	22	73	5	+17	31	62	7	+24	28	71	1	+27	16	82	3	+13	
Information and Communications	30	67	3	+27	42	55	3	+39	17	83	0	+17	19	78	3	+16	
Financing and Insurance	35	62	3	+32	35	62	3	+32	34	65	2	+32	4	96	0	+4	
Real Estate ⁽⁷⁾	19	73	7	+12	22	71	7	+15	43	57	0	+43	21	77	2	+19	
Professional and Business Services ⁽⁸⁾	14	82	4	+10	20	77	4	+16	18	76	6	+12	9	87	4	+5	
All Sectors Above ⁽⁹⁾	25	69	7	+18													

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 the manufacturing sector; "Volume of Construction Output" in the construction sector; "Volume of Sales" in the import/export trade and wholesale, and retail sectors; 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 the manufacturing, import/export trade and wholesale, and retail sectors; "Tender Price" in the construction sector; "Price of Food Provided" in the food services sector; "Premium Rate" in the insurance sector; "Price of Properties Sold/Management Fee/Commission Rate" in the real estate sector; 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 sector mainly covers 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 sector covers legal, accounting and other professional, scientific and technical services, and administrative and support services.
- (9) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.