Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q3 2012 as Compared with Q2 2012 (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	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	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	
Sector	Better (i)	Same (ii)	Worse (iii)	choosing "better" and that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	
Manufacturing	35	47	18	+17	37	49	14	+23	9	88	3	+6	15	76	9	+6	
Construction	21	67	12	+9	28	64	8	+20	22	74	4	+18	41	59	0	+41	
Import/Export Trade and Wholesale	15	59	26	-11	25	55	20	+5	8	84	8	0	10	84	6	+4	
Retail	10	64	26	-16	10	76	15	-5	17	80	2	+15	10	90	0	+10	
Accommodation and Food Services ⁽⁶⁾	24	61	16	+8	24	67	9	+15	21	78	1	+20	15	79	6	+9	
Transportation, Storage and Courier Services	27	66	6	+21	29	67	4	+25	20	76	4	+16	23	77	0	+23	
Information and Communications	19	72	9	+10	20	71	9	+11	19	81	0	+19	5	95	0	+5	
Financing and Insurance	23	69	8	+15	30	63	6	+24	13	83	4	+9	0	97	3	-3	
Real Estate ⁽⁷⁾	12	81	7	+5	12	79	10	+2	19	81	0	+19	7	88	5	+2	
Professional and Business Services ⁽⁸⁾	19	68	13	+6	19	70	11	+8	17	76	7	+10	11	87	2	+9	
All Sectors Above ⁽⁹⁾	19	65	15	+4													

Notes:

- (1) In collecting views on the quarter-to-quarter changes, if the variable in question is 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 professional, scientific and technical services, and administrative and support services.
- (9) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.