Table 1 Views on expected changes in business situation, volume of business/output, number of persons engaged and selling price/service charge, Q2 2013 as compared with Q1 2013 (1)

		Business situation				Volume of business/output (2)				Number of persons engaged				Selling price/Service charge ⁽³⁾			
	est	ercentage tablishme choosing	ents	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	52	12	+23	34	56	10	+24	12	79	9	+3	8	82	9	-1	
Construction	28	60	12	+16	37	45	18	+19	17	64	19	-2	31	69	0	+31	
Import/export trade and wholesale	14	67	19	-5	12	70	18	-6	7	82	11	-4	12	84	4	+8	
Retail	9	82	9	0	14	79	7	+7	12	88	0	+12	11	89	0	+11	
Accommodation and food services ⁽⁶⁾	15	69	17	-2	15	70	15	0	13	84	3	+10	19	74	7	+12	
Transportation, storage and courier services	21	62	17	+4	18	63	19	-1	7	85	8	-1	11	89	0	+11	
Information and communications	27	73	0	+27	27	73	0	+27	10	90	0	+10	6	94	0	+6	
Financing and insurance	34	62	5	+29	36	63	2	+34	21	75	4	+17	10	90	0	+10	
Real estate ⁽⁷⁾	13	76	11	+2	13	78	9	+4	26	67	6	+20	14	82	4	+10	
Professional and business services ⁽⁸⁾	17	78	5	+12	19	75	6	+13	11	89	0	+11	8	89	3	+5	
All sectors above ⁽⁹⁾	21	68	12	+9													

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.