Table 1 Views on expected changes in business situation, volume of business/output, number of persons engaged and selling price/service charge, Q3 2013 as compared with Q2 2013 $^{\scriptscriptstyle (1)}$

		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⁾		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	
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	21	61	18	+3	23	67	10	+13	14	84	3	+11	9	85	6	+3	
Construction	20	71	9	+11	31	61	8	+23	14	76	10	+4	24	76	0	+24	
Import/export trade and wholesale	15	72	14	+1	18	71	11	+7	8	86	7	+1	5	89	6	-1	
Retail	16	71	14	+2	20	70	9	+11	12	88	0	+12	9	89	2	+7	
Accommodation and food services ⁽⁶⁾	20	76	4	+16	23	75	2	+21	22	74	3	+19	11	89	0	+11	
Transportation, storage and courier services	21	72	6	+15	25	71	5	+20	17	72	11	+6	7	93	0	+7	
Information and communications	24	73	3	+21	24	73	3	+21	17	83	0	+17	6	91	3	+3	
Financing and insurance	21	72	7	+14	22	71	7	+15	21	77	2	+19	2	96	2	0	
Real estate ⁽⁷⁾	16	73	11	+5	16	75	9	+7	20	80	0	+20	16	82	2	+14	
Professional and business services ⁽⁸⁾	14	73	14	0	12	77	11	+1	7	93	0	+7	9	88	3	+6	
All sectors above ⁽⁹⁾	18	72	10	+8													

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.