Selected statistics for the building, construction and real estate sectors in 2012

HK\$ million (unless otherwise specified)

Industry Section / Group	Number of establishments	Number of persons directly engaged	Total receipts (1)	Compensation of employees (2)	Operating expenses (3)	Gross surplus	Value added
Construction	22 309	184 563	250,028	63,083	173,629	13,316	73,884
	(-4.7)	(+8.3)	(+13.5)	(+24.6)	(+13.5)	(-20.3)	(+13.0)
Real estate activities	7 052	118 308	187,285	25,272	46,269	112,094	132,689
	(+7.8)	(+4.6)	(+10.5)	(+11.5)	(+11.1)	(+9.4)	(+12.1)
Architectural, surveying and engineering services	1 854 (+6.2)	25 264 (-4.9)	20,227 (+12.5)	10,475 (+6.5)	6,845 (+10.6)	2,907 (+49.0)	13,044 (+10.8)

Notes:

Figures in brackets represent percentage changes in 2012 compared with 2011.

- (1) Total receipts refer to gross value of construction works performed and other business receipts in the case of construction; gross margin of real estate development projects, service and rental income and other business receipts in the case of real estate activities; and service income and other business receipts in the case of architectural, surveying and engineering services.
- (2) For the construction sector, compensation of employees also includes payments to labour-only sub-contractors.
- (3) Operating expenses include consumption of materials and supplies; fuels, electricity and water; maintenance services; payment for sub-contract works by fee sub-contractors / architectural, surveying and engineering design and consultancy fees; and miscellaneous operating expenses.