Table 1 Views on expected changes in business situation, volume of business/output, number of persons engaged and selling price/service charge, Q2 2014 as compared with Q1 2014 (1)

		Business situation				Volume of business/output (2)				Number of persons engaged				Selling price/Service charge ⁽³⁾			
	est	ercentage ablishme 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	16	71	13	+3	23	70	8	+15	8	80	12	-4	5	89	6	-1	
Construction	20	66	14	+6	29	59	12	+17	20	78	1	+19	22	78	0	+22	
Import/export trade and wholesale	14	69	17	-3	16	71	13	+3	8	84	9	-1	6	89	4	+2	
Retail	20	64	15	+5	21	61	18	+3	24	74	2	+22	21	76	3	+18	
Accommodation and food services ⁽⁶⁾	8	76	16	-8	14	77	9	+5	16	80	3	+13	17	78	5	+12	
Transportation, storage and courier services	19	62	19	0	21	71	8	+13	20	75	5	+15	15	85	0	+15	
Information and communications	23	74	3	+20	27	73	0	+27	17	83	0	+17	9	91	0	+9	
Financing and insurance	35	64	1	+34	37	63	0	+37	18	79	3	+15	3	97	0	+3	
Real estate ⁽⁷⁾	10	83	7	+3	10	88	2	+8	25	75	0	+25	5	93	2	+3	
Professional and business services ⁽⁸⁾	13	76	11	+2	15	74	11	+4	12	83	4	+8	14	81	5	+9	
All sectors above ⁽⁹⁾	19	69	11	+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.