

Business Pulse

March 2018

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+21% (-3)	+20% (-4)	+7% (-4)	+14% (-15)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+53% (0)	+51% (-1)	+45% (+7)	+50% (-1)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-4% (-6)	-5% (0)		+6% (-7)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-5% (+2)		+8% (+1)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+40% (0)	+34% (-3)	+30% (0)	+53% (-5)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+21% (-4)	+19% (0)	+9% (-4)	+33% (-4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+10% (-2)	+2% (-1)	+3% (-1)	+2% (-5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+20% (+1)	+19% (+2)	+11% (+2)	+25% (-4)

*Business Activity refers to production in the case of industry, demand/turnover for services, sales for retail and building activity for construction.

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Note: Balances are calculated as the difference between positive and negative responses (using weighted averages for questions with multiple options).

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