

Business Pulse

October 2018

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+26% (-2)	+27% (-3)	+8% (-5)	+36% (-5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+45% (-3)	+23% (-4)	+29% (-7)	+32% (-16)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	+10% (-2)	+3% (0)		+27% (-2)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-9% (-2)		+8% (+1)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+45% (+4)	+46% (+8)	+32% (+4)	+61% (0)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+28% (+10)	+20% (+4)	+11% (0)	+37% (-6)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (-1)	+3% (-2)	+4% (-2)	+16% (+4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (0)	+8% (-1)	+5% (-1)	+21% (0)

*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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