

Business Pulse

March 2017

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+21% (-7)	+29% (+6)	-6% (-8)	+19% (-5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+53% (-1)	+53% (+5)	+40% (+4)	+53% (+4)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-10% (-7)	-4% (0)		+10% (+5)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-2% (-1)		+7% (-2)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+45% (+5)	+35% (+4)	+38% (0)	+58% (+8)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+21% (-3)	+21% (+1)	+8% (-5)	+30% (-3)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+9% (-1)	+5% (0)	+3% (-2)	+11% (+9)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+13% (-6)	+19% (+3)	+7% (+1)	+26% (+3)

*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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