

Business Pulse

May 2017

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+25% (+1)	+35% (+1)	+11% (+10)	+31% (+11)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+48% (+1)	+45% (-5)	+32% (-6)	+51% (+2)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-10% (-1)	-4% (0)		+4% (+10)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-4% (-4)		+14% (+1)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+45% (+4)	+32% (-5)	+33% (-1)	+52% (+4)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+17% (0)	+14% (-3)	+8% (-3)	+32% (+7)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (-1)	+7% (-1)	+7% (+4)	+11% (+4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+19% (+3)	+16% (0)	+7% (+1)	+25% (+1)

*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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