

Business Pulse

MAY 2016

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+31% (0)	+38% (+9)	+22% (+2)	+27% (-2)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+47% (-5)	+53% (+3)	+46% (-3)	+51% (+3)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-7% (+1)	-8% (+2)		-15% (-9)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	+2% (+5)		+8% (-4)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+34% (+5)	+31% (0)	+31% (-5)	+43% (-7)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+13% (-1)	+16% (+2)	+5% (-9)	+24% (-4)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+14% (-1)	+11% (+2)	+11% (-2)	+11% (+6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+18% (-4)	+20% (+2)	+11% (+2)	+24% (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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