

**COMMUNICATERESEARCH PARLIAMENTARY PANEL**
**ECONOMIC CONFIDENCE – APRIL 2004**

**Q. Do you expect each of the following economic indicators to improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?**

<b>%</b>	<b><i>Improve</i></b>	<b><i>Stay the same</i></b>	<b><i>Get worse</i></b>	<b><i>No opinion</i></b>
<b>Economic growth</b>	48	33	17	2
<b>Inflation</b>	3	50	43	3
<b>Interest rates*</b>	-	22	78	-
<b>Unemployment</b>	30	45	22	3

\*improve = reduction

Base: all MPs

<b>%</b>	<b><i>Improve</i></b>	<b><i>Stay the same</i></b>	<b><i>Get worse</i></b>	<b><i>No opinion</i></b>
<b>Economic growth</b>	70	30	-	-
<b>Inflation</b>	7	73	20	-
<b>Interest rates*</b>	-	37	63	-
<b>Unemployment</b>	53	43	3	-

\*improve = reduction

Base: Labour MPs

<b>%</b>	<b><i>Improve</i></b>	<b><i>Stay the same</i></b>	<b><i>Get worse</i></b>	<b><i>No opinion</i></b>
<b>Economic growth</b>	16	37	42	5
<b>Inflation</b>	-	11	84	5
<b>Interest rates*</b>	-	-	100	-
<b>Unemployment</b>	-	42	53	5

\*improve = reduction

Base: Conservative MPs

**Methodology**

The survey was conducted between 26 April and 7 May 2004 among 100 MPs on the *CommunicateResearch Online Parliamentary Panel* (51 Labour, 31 Conservative and 18 from the smaller parties). Data were weighted to reflect the overall balance of the parties in the House of Commons. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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