

COMMUNICATERESEARCH PARLIAMENTARY PANEL
ECONOMIC CONFIDENCE – JUNE 2004

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

| % | <i>Improve</i> | <i>Stay the same</i> | <i>Get worse</i> | <i>No opinion</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Economic growth | 40 | 42 | 19 | - |
| Inflation | 2 | 45 | 51 | 1 |
| Interest rates* | - | 6 | 92 | 1 |
| Unemployment | 32 | 49 | 16 | 3 |

*improve = reduction

Base: all MPs

| % | <i>Improve</i> | <i>Stay the same</i> | <i>Get worse</i> | <i>No opinion</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Economic growth | 58 | 38 | 4 | - |
| Inflation | 4 | 65 | 31 | - |
| Interest rates* | - | 11 | 89 | - |
| Unemployment | 52 | 43 | 4 | 1 |

*improve = reduction

Base: Labour MPs

| % | <i>Improve</i> | <i>Stay the same</i> | <i>Get worse</i> | <i>No opinion</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Economic growth | 7 | 44 | 49 | - |
| Inflation | - | 14 | 81 | 5 |
| Interest rates* | - | - | 95 | 5 |
| Unemployment | 2 | 51 | 42 | 5 |

*improve = reduction

Base: Conservative MPs

Methodology

Conducted by postal self-completion questionnaire between 14 June and 8 July 2004 among MPs on the CommunicateResearch Parliamentary Panel. 150 MPs participated (84 Labour, 39 Conservative and 27 from the smaller parties). Data may not add up to 100% due to rounding

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