

The Omani Economic Association

Oman Business Confidence Index

The main objective of the Business Confidence Index (BCI) for Oman is to measure *Business Leaders' perceptions of current economic environment.*

Please circle the most appropriate answer & email to info@oea-oman.org or Fax to 24 69 2217.

Question 1: Do you expect overall economic condition in Oman one year from now to be

1= worse

5 = much better

1 2 3 4 5

Question 2: Over the next one year, do you expect your firm's financial profitability to

1= worsen

5 = improve

1 2 3 4 5

Questions 3: Do you see government spending composition on goods and services as a wasteful expenditure or necessity that the market does not provide

1= wasteful

5= necessity

1 2 3 4 5

Question 4: Difference in quality of education (available at Private & Public Schools?)

1= large

5= no difference

1 2 3 4 5

Questions 5: Do you see the Judiciary procedures

1= below expected standard

5= highly efficient

1 2 3 4 5

Questions 6: Do you see the overall government administrative regulations

1= Burdensome

5 = helpful

1 2 3 4 5

Question 7: Favouritism in decisions of government officials

1= favour well-connected firms and individuals

5= show no preference at all

1 2 3 4 5

Question 8: Competence of personnel in the public sectors

1= below expected standard

5= excellent performance

1 2 3 4 5

Question 9: Extent of bureaucratic red tape (how much time does the senior management of your company spend working with government agencies/ regulation?)

1= less than 10% of the time

5= 90-100% of the time

1 2 3 4 5

Question 10: Extent of bureaucratic red tape (how often do procedures cause delay to planning/meeting target dates?)

1= less than 10% of the time

5= 90-100% of the time

1 2 3 4 5

Question 11: Most time-consuming and troublesome issues: - Select 3 most troublesome & number them 1 is most & 3 least

Manpower regulations

Immigration regulations

Limitation of information/transparency

Municipal regulations and charges

Customs & Ports regulations

Nothing/ don't know

Questions 12: Constraints on increase local employment: - Select 3 biggest constraints & number them 1 is biggest & 3 smallest

Nothing/don't need more

Labour law/ regulations in general

Fees & Training Levies

Lack of skills in labour market

Low Working ethics

Lack of confidence / demand in economy

Questions 13: Factors inhibiting business growth: - Select 3 highest factor & number them 1 is highest & 3 lowest

Not inhibited

Interface/regulations

Limitation of information/transparency

Capital cost/access

Labour problems

Weakens in economy/demand

Question 14: Perception of international trade agreements between Oman and the rest of the world on your business

1=Create good business opportunities

5= Source of great business threat

1 2 3 4 5

Question 15: Perceived investment climate in Oman

1= Very favorable

5= Not favorable

1 2 3 4 5