

ACT Liquidity Confidence Barometer – 22 July 2020

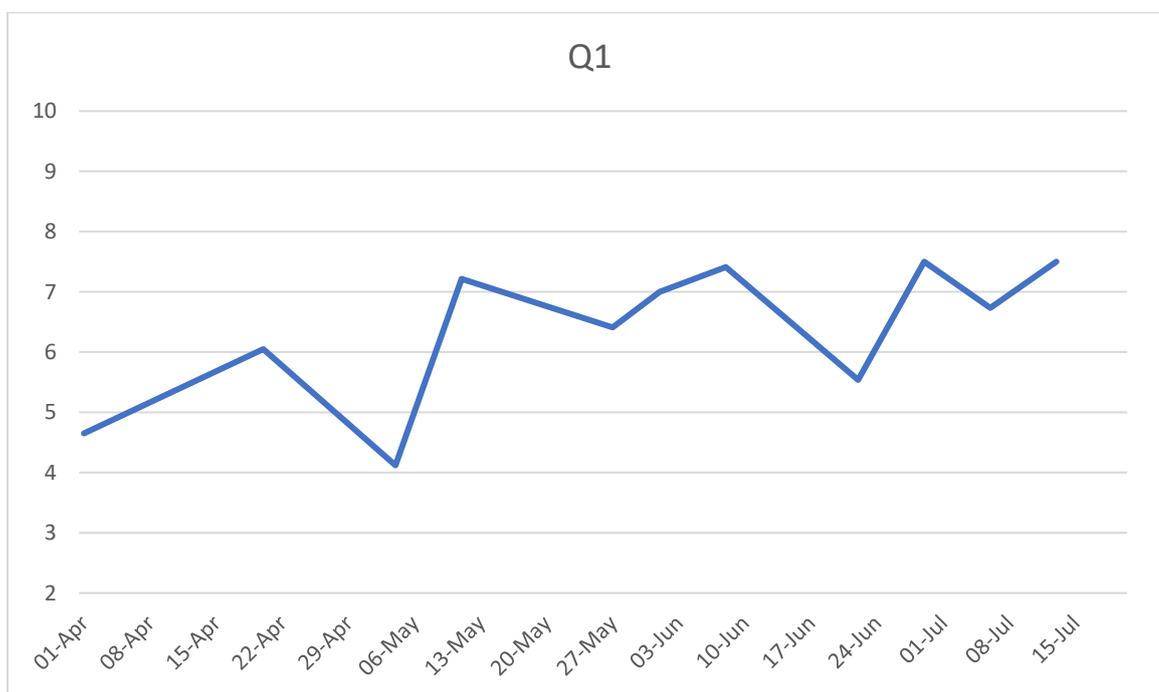
The Government has launched a number of financing programmes in response to the COVID19 pandemic, and over time made them more accessible. Has this worked? Do treasurers feel any better about the prospects for their business in the short and medium term?

Our regular liquidity temperature check is meant to identify how confident treasurers feel about their business. In the initial stages with only a relatively small number of respondents it is difficult to draw too many conclusions, but we believe trends will become clearer as the weeks progress. Also, we recognise that different sectors have particular stresses.

Our approach

We have used information from the first survey we ran at the start of April to establish a baseline. We have applied weightings to the different responses to get a score out of 10 (with 10 being 100% of responses being positive towards the questions being asked). We have supplemented this with the conversations we continue to have with treasurers.

Q1 *Rate your confidence over liquidity for your business this week, compared to last week?*

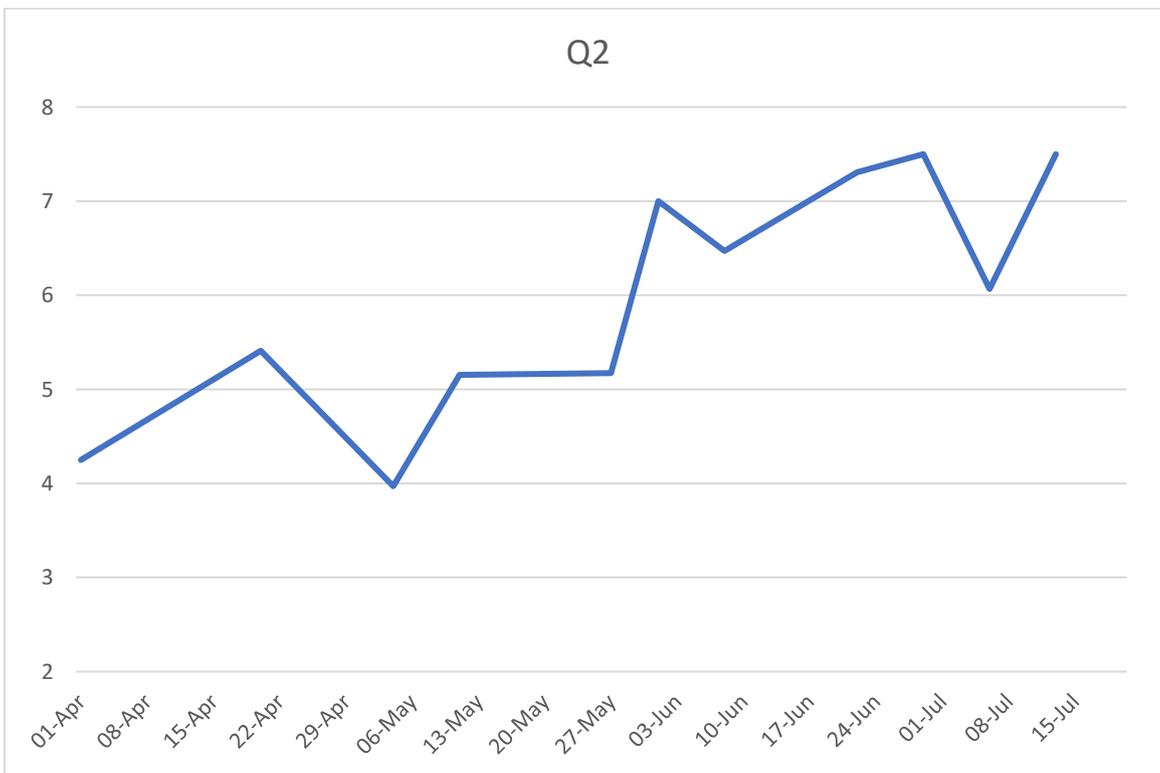


Latest trends

1. 50% of respondents felt better about their liquidity compared with the previous week. This reinforces our conversations which suggest confidence is emerging on a sustained basis
2. No respondents felt worse compared with the previous week.

Q2 *Rate your confidence over the financial sustainability of your supply chain this week, compared to last week?*

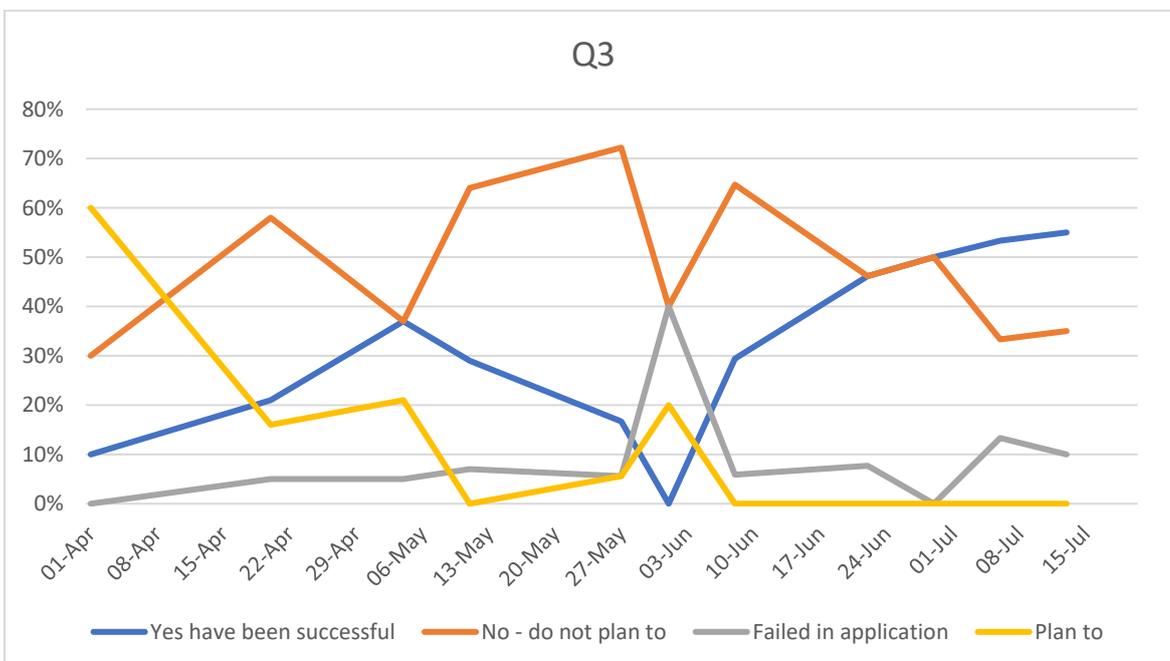




Latest trends

1. 50% of respondents have increased confidence over the sustainability of their supply chain compared with the previous week.
2. 50% of respondents had unchanged views over the sustainability of their supply chain.
3. These results reconfirm that companies continue to feel positive about the sustainability of their businesses since the start of the pandemic.

Q3 Have you accessed any of the Government's 'COVID-19' finance schemes since 1 March 2020?



Latest trends

1. The numbers have stabilised with 90% of respondents having either been successful or have decided not to apply.