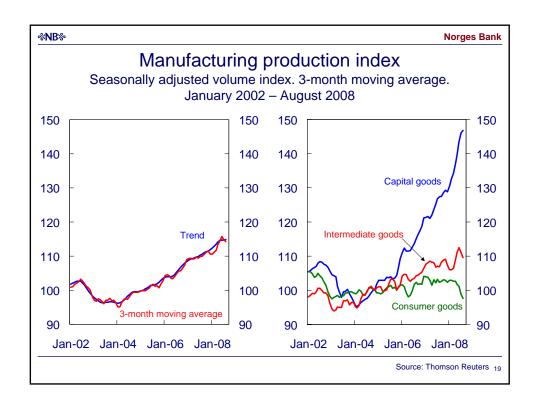
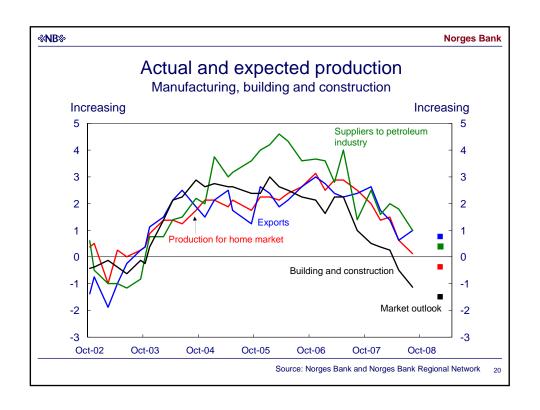


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## National Budget 2009

- A structural, non-oil deficit of NOK 92 billion in 2009 equals the expected real return on the Fund. The Government Pension Fund – Global estimated at NOK 2300 billion at the start of 2009
- The deficit increases by 14 billion 2009-NOK from 2008 to 2009, or 0.7 percentage point of trend GDP
- Nominal underlying growth in spending in the national budget of 7.8 per cent in 2009. Nominal growth in mainland GDP estimated at 5.7 per cent





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## Extra round of phone calls

Norges Bank's regional network

- Private consumption
  - Decline in travel and restaurant sectors in recent weeks
- Investment
  - Sharp decline in building starts second half of 2008
  - Pronounced slowdown in commercial real estate in recent months
  - Weaker investment prospects in retail trade and services
- Employment
  - Decline in employment in building and construction in past couple of months and prospects for further decline
  - Decline in employment in some service industries supplying the household sector
  - Increased supply of labour

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