

Chapter 3

Demand and output

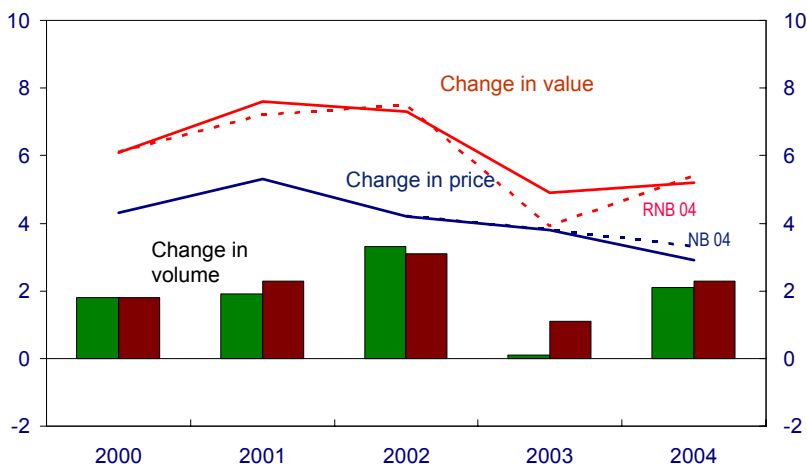
Revised National Budget 2004

3.1 RNB 2004

- The government accounts for 2003 show a substantially larger structural, non-oil deficit than estimated in the National Budget for 2004. The increase is due partly to lower direct and indirect taxes, and partly to higher expenditure and a reduction in other income. The budget indicators have now been estimated at -0.9 pp., compared with -0.2 pp in NB 04
- The deficit for 2004 has been revised upwards. The budget indicator is now estimated at -0.4 pp., compared with -0.6 pp in NB 04
- If 2003 and 2004 are viewed as a whole, fiscal policy is seen to have provided greater stimulation to activities in the Norwegian economy than assumed in the March *Inflation Report*.

3.2 Underlying spending growth in the government budget

Percentage change on previous year



3.3. Municipalities

2003

- Growth of about 4 per cent in the value of revenues
- Growth of about 3¾ per cent in the value of expenditure
- No real increase in activity
- NOK ½ bn reduction in the deficit
- The deficit is estimated at 6.7 per cent of total revenues. In NB 04 it was estimated at 4.2%

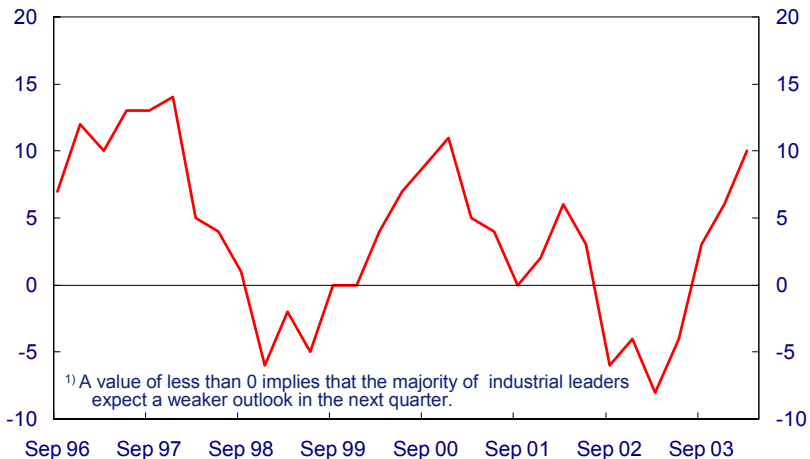
2004

- Growth of about 6¾ per cent in the value of revenues
- Growth of about 4¾ per cent in the value of expenditure
- Real increase in activity of 1.7% (NOK 3¼ bn)
- NOK 4 bn reduction in the deficit
- The deficit is estimated at 5½% of revenues.

Enterprise sector

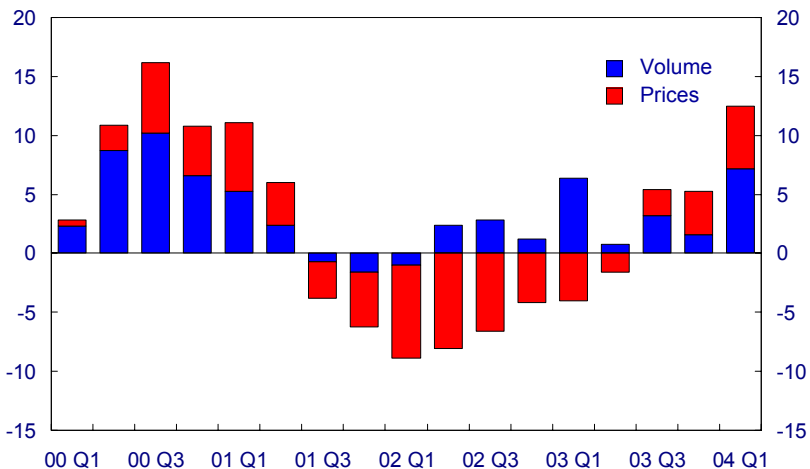
3.4 Business confidence indicator.

Seasonally adjusted diffusion index¹⁾



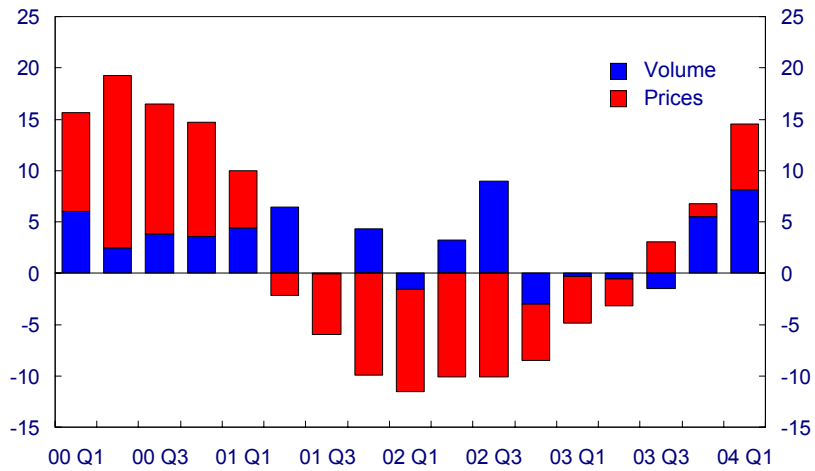
3.5 Traditional merchandise imports

Percentage rise on same quarter previous year



3.6 Traditional merchandise exports

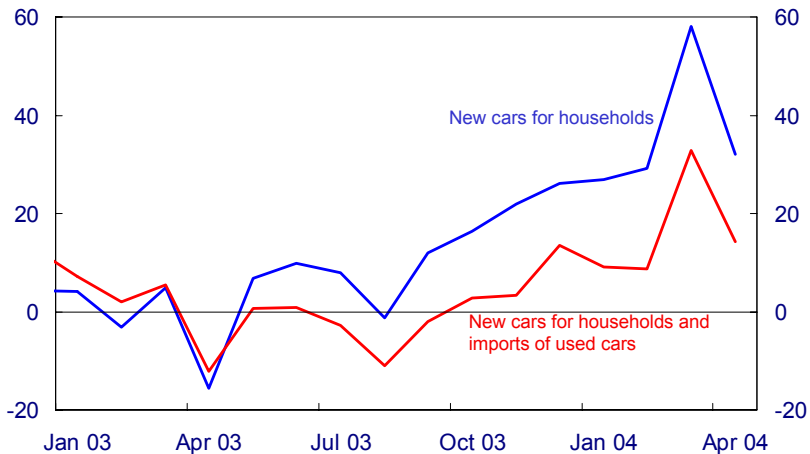
Percentage rise on same quarter previous year



Households

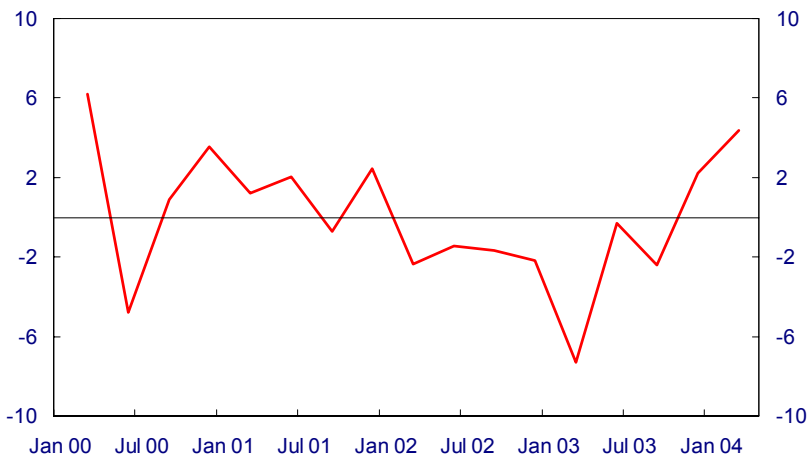
3.7 New car registrations, households

Unadjusted figures. 12-month rise. Per cent



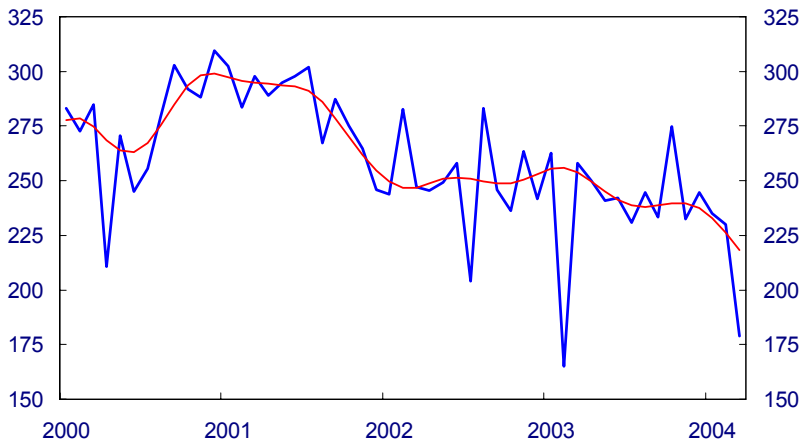
3.8 Overnight stays at hotels, holidays and leisure

Seasonally adjusted figures. 4-quarter rise. Per cent



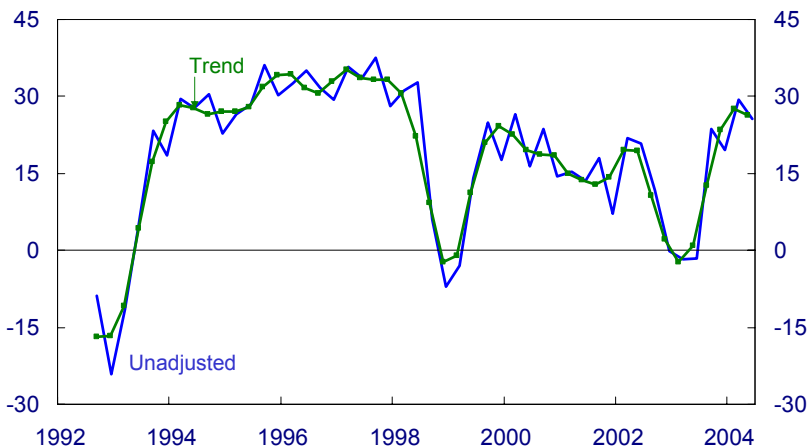
3.9 Housing starts

Area (1000 m2). Seasonally adjusted and trend



3.10 Consumer confidence indicator

Unadjusted and trend (level)



3.11 Consumer confidence indicator Unadjusted figures

