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Finance for Small Firms: An Eighth Report

The Bank of England today publishes its eighth annual report on Finance for Small Firms.

As in previous years, the report reviews the financing environment for small businesses in the UK in the context especially of macroeconomic developments and public policy initiatives. The report highlights a number of issues affecting the demand for, and supply of, both debt and equity finance.

The report also discusses the position of several categories of small firms with specific financing needs. It acknowledges that while the overall financing environment for small firms has continued to improve, issues remain for some types of firm. The report considers in particular small businesses in deprived areas, technology-based small firms, ethnic minority firms, and women-owned businesses.

The Executive Summary (pages 1 and 2 of the report) highlights the key points in the Bank's analysis.

Note for Editors

Copies of the Finance for Small Firms Report are available from the Public Enquiries Group, Bank of England, EC2R 8AH (Tel: 020 7601 4012; Fax 020 7601 5460) or from the Bank's website.

Key Resources

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