

Govt approval rating dips: poll

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THE PRAYUT Chan-o-cha government has seen its job-approval rating dip slightly compared to three months ago, although more than half of those surveyed gave the prime minister a satisfactory rating, according to a Bangkok Poll released yesterday.

The 1,158 people surveyed nationwide gave the government 6.52 out of 10 for its three-month performance, a drop of 0.38.

The government scored best in national security (7.3 out of 10) and worst for economics (5.89).

The PM's job-approval rating declined 0.33 to 7.43.

His highest score was for decisiveness (8.04) and his lowest was

for innovation when implementing new development projects (6.41).

About 53 per cent of respondents said the government had performed better than expected, 25 per cent said it had met expectations and 7 per cent said it had fallen short of expectations.

Asked if they would vote for Prayut to become prime minister, 75 per cent said they would – a 5.5-per cent drop from three months ago, while 12 per cent said they would not support him and 12 per cent had no comment.

Asked what they would like as a New Year's gift from the government, 20 per cent wanted a robust economy, 18 per cent wanted higher prices for agricultural produce and 16 per cent wanted a lower cost of living.