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### Govt gets poor marks on economy

The government failed in economic administration with 4.08 out of 10 points in the first half of its term, according to a recent survey of economists.

Bangkok Poll surveyed 60 economists at 30 leading local organisations between June 11 and 17 on the economic performance of the Thai government. The government's score increased from a similar survey last year, which gave it just 3.83 out of 10.

On the performances of economic ministers, Minister of Tourism and Sports Somsak Purisrisak received the highest score at 4.67 out of 10, followed by Minister of Finance Kittiratt Na-Ranong with 3.86. Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra received 3.05, and Commerce Minister Boonsong Teriyapirom received the lowest score of 2.50, for an average score of 3.77 for the four ministers.

The best area of the government's economic administration was boosting economic growth, rated at 5.63 out of 10. Its poorest score was for public-debt administration at 3.05 points.