

# The Hong Kong Institute of Architects COVID-19 Survey Report

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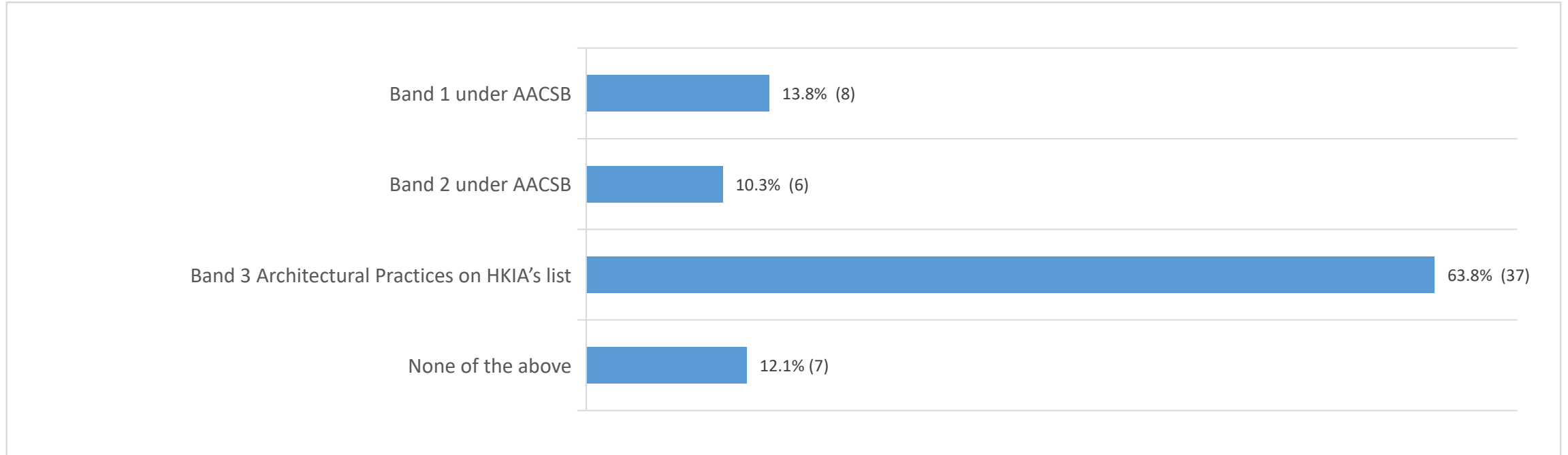


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In April/May 2020, The Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) Board of Practices issued an online survey and invited HKIA Registered Practices (RP) to complete the survey. This survey consists of 10 questions and is created to understand RPs practising situation during COVID-19 situation.

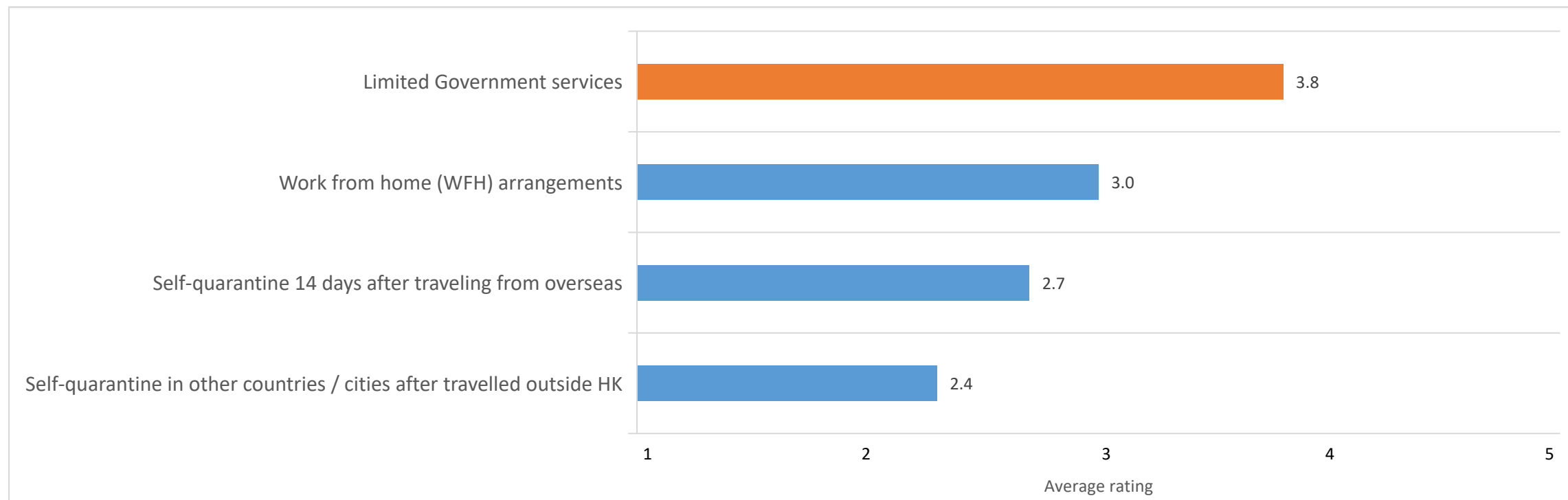
- \* Survey period: 29 April - 15 May 2020
- \* Base: HKIA's Registered Practices
- \* No. of responses: 58
- \* Completion rate: 30%

Q.1 Which category of your practice is as the date of this survey?



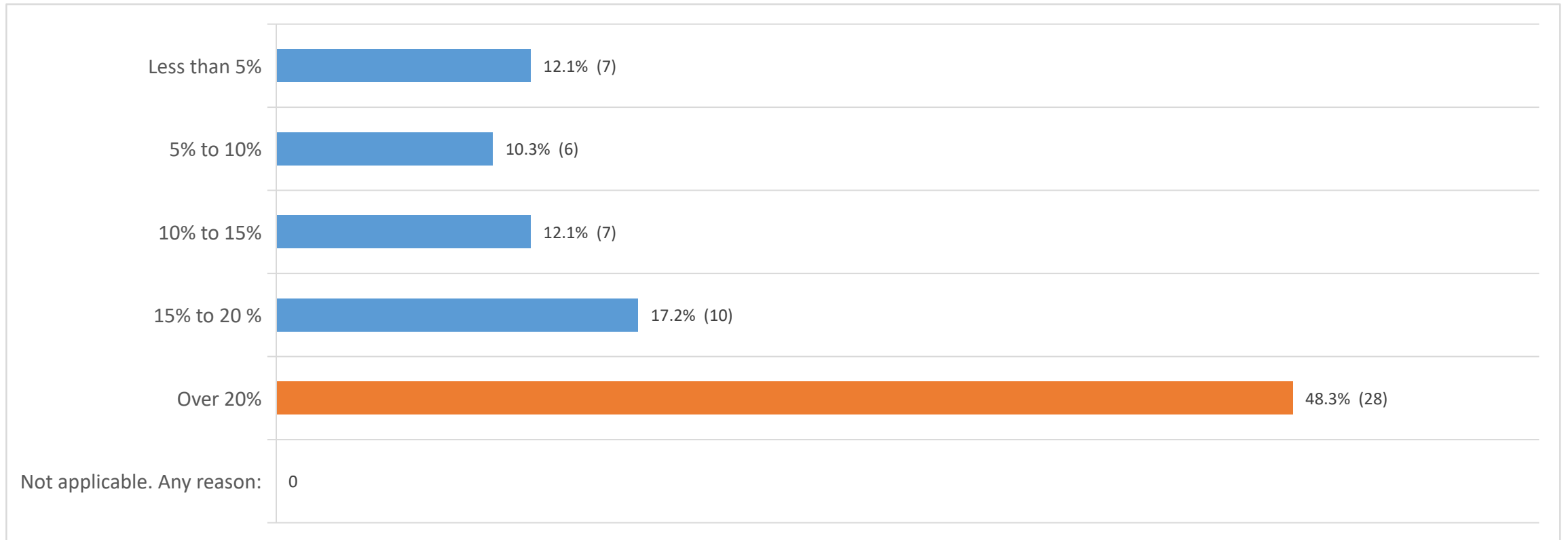
ANSWER CHOICES	Band 1 under AACSB	Band 2 under AACSB	Band 3 Architectural Practices on HKIA's list	None of the above
No. of RESPONSES	8	6	37	7

Q.2 During the current COVID-19 situation, can you give your rating independently to the following issues that may have affected your business? (1 least affected - 5 most affected)



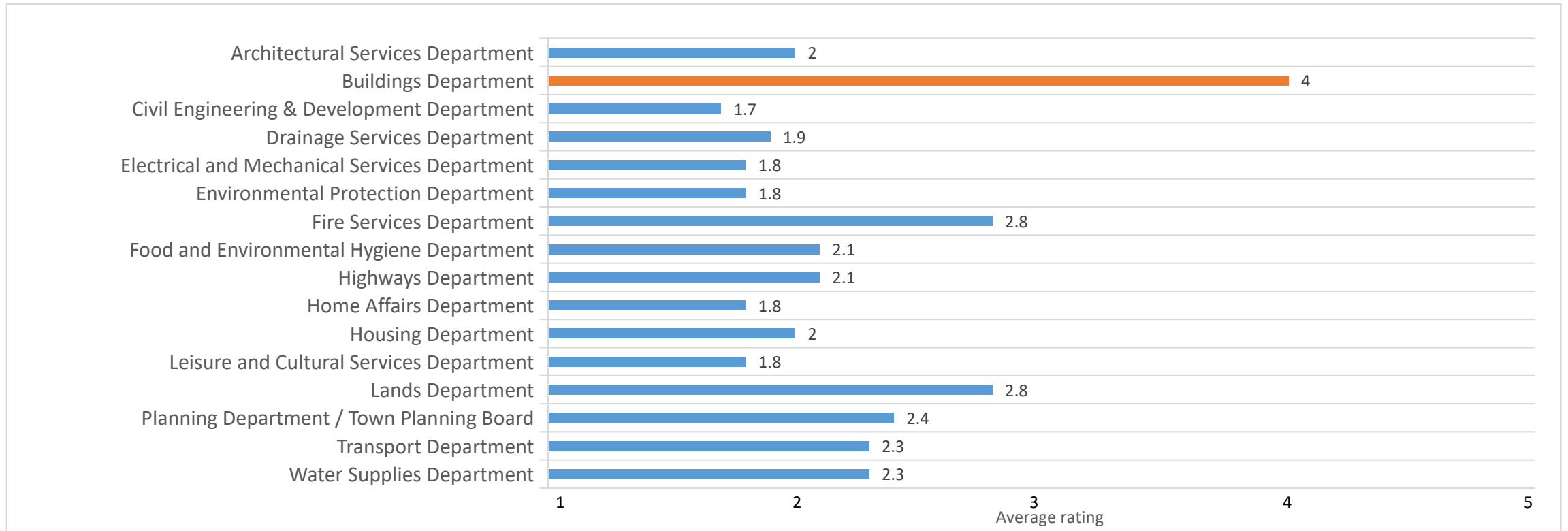
ANSWER CHOICES	Limited Government services	Work from home (WFH) arrangements	Self-quarantine in other countries / cities after travelled outside HK	Self-quarantine in other countries / cities after travelled outside HK
1(Least Affected)	6	10	21	28
2	2	12	8	7
3	11	12	7	4
4	17	15	9	8
5 (Most affected)	22	9	12	10

Q.3 Under the current COVID-19 situation and the limited services of the Government Departments, in what % of your projects are prolonged?



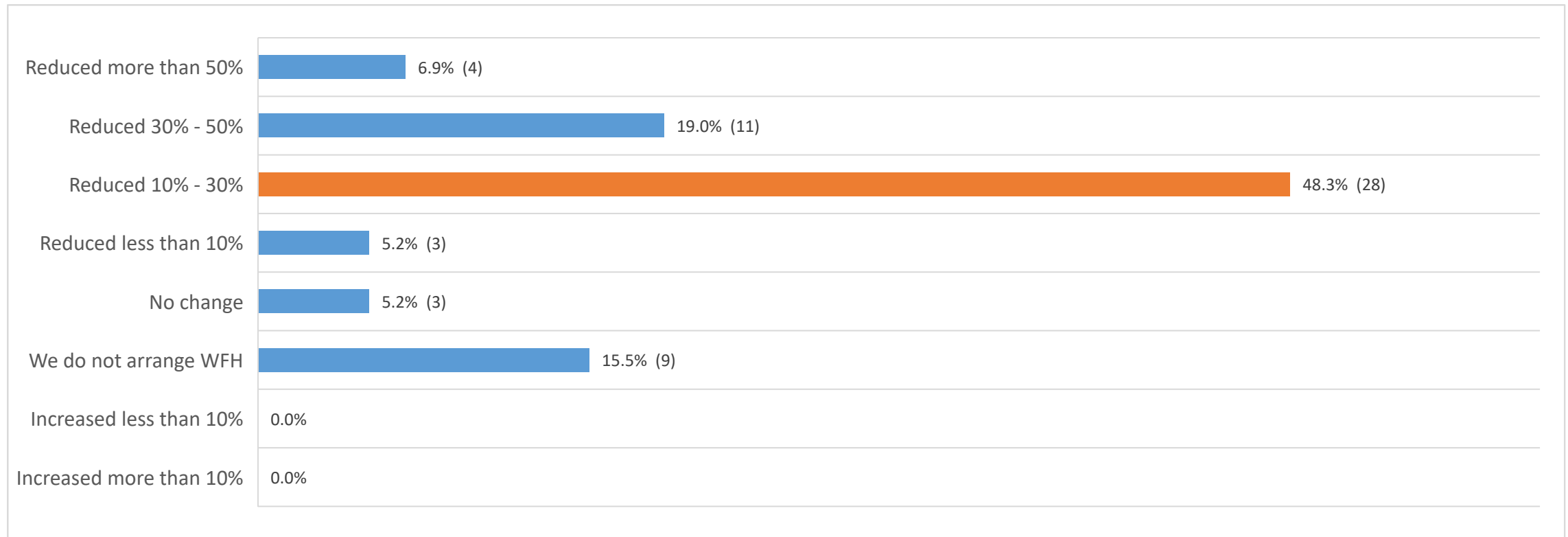
ANSWER CHOICES	Less than 5%	5% to 10%	10% to 15%	15% to 20 %	Over 20%	Not applicable
No. of RESPONSES	7	6	7	10	28	0

Q.4 During the current COVID-19 situation and the limited government services, can you give your rating independently to which department that may have affected your business? (1 least affected - 5 most affected)



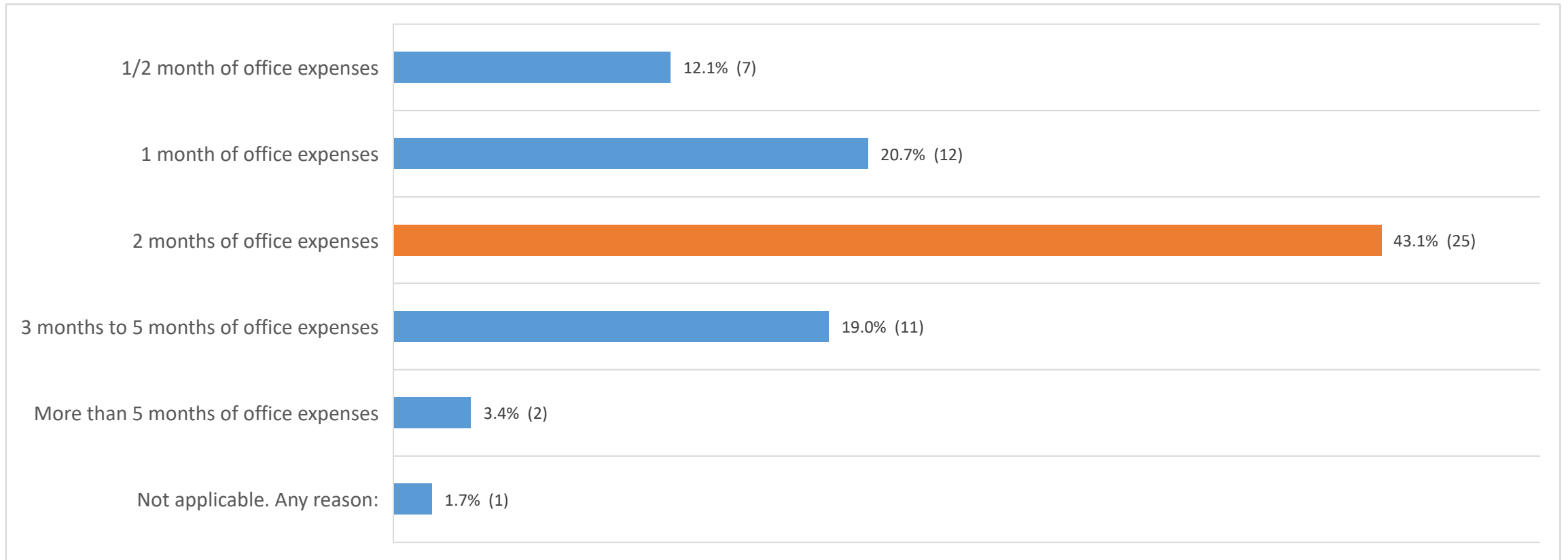
ANSWER CHOICES	Architectural Services Department	Buildings Department	Civil Engineering & Development Department	Drainage Services Department	Electrical and Mechanical Services Department	Environmental Protection Department	Fire Services Department	Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	Highways Department	Home Affairs Department	Housing Department	Leisure and Cultural Services Department	Lands Department	Planning Department / Town Planning Board	Transport Department	Water Supplies Department
1 (Least Affected)	23	4	32	29	30	28	15	23	25	27	27	28	14	20	21	25
2	11	7	8	11	8	10	8	11	9	12	9	8	11	10	9	8
3	8	6	4	3	6	7	11	10	4	8	6	7	7	4	8	4
4	4	11	3	4	3	3	12	5	5	3	6	4	10	15	5	8
5 (Most Affected)	3	30	2	4	2	1	7	3	6	1	3	1	10	3	6	5

Q.5 Under the current COVID-19 situation and work from home (WFH) arrangements, how much of your office efficiency being affected?



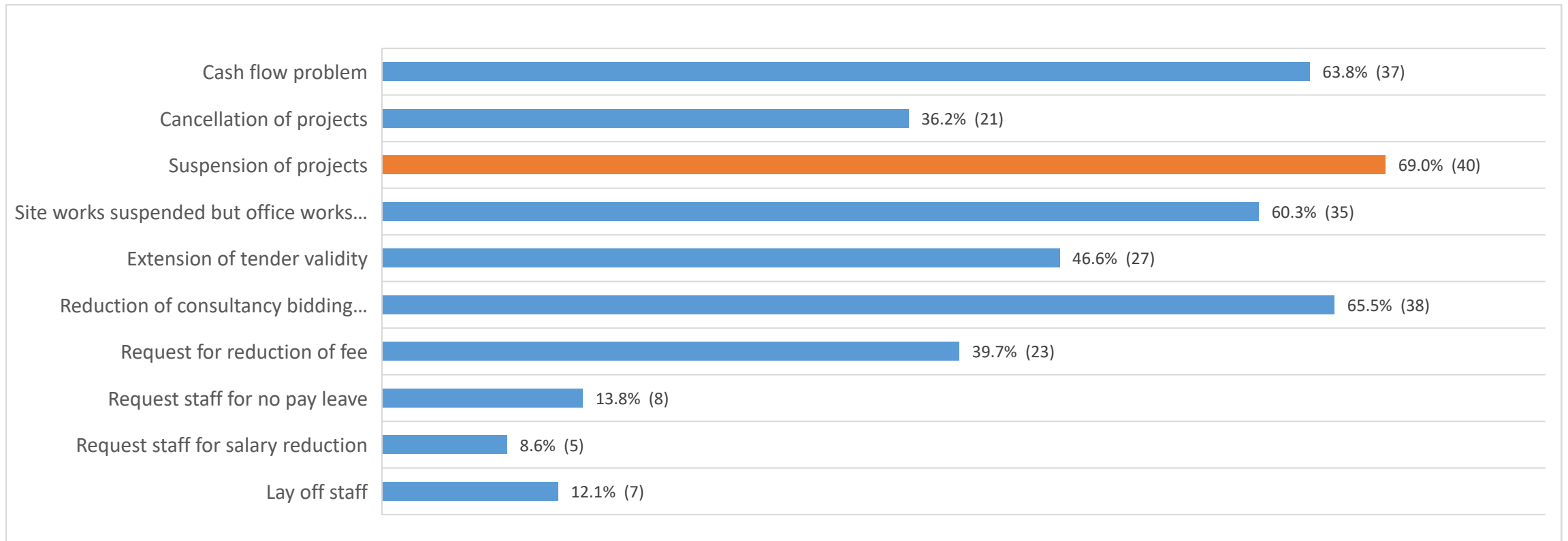
ANSWER CHOICES	Reduced more than 50%	Reduced 30% - 50%	Reduced 10% - 30%	Reduced less than 10%	No change	We do not arrange WFH	Increased less than 10%	Increased more than 10%
No. of RESPONSES	4	11	28	3	3	9	0	0

Q.6 Under the current COVID-19 situation, how much of your invoices are on hold and cannot be issued out according to the original project schedule? The amount equals to:



ANSWER CHOICES	1/2 month of office expenses	1 month of office expenses	2 months of office expenses	3 months to 5 months of office expenses	More than 5 months of office expenses	Not applicable. Any reason:
No. of RESPONSES	7	12	25	11	2	1 (no information available)

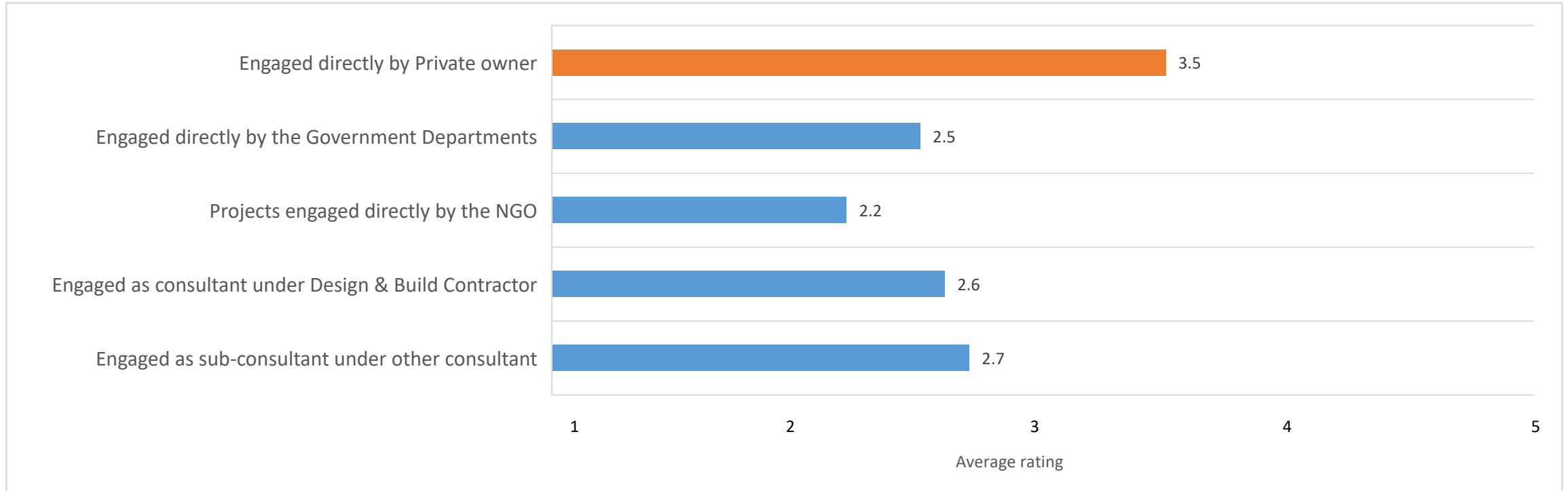
Q.7 Under the current COVID-19 situation, have you faced any of the following situation? *You can pick more than one in below.*



ANSWER CHOICES	Cash flow problem	Cancellation of projects	Suspension of projects	Site works suspended but office works maintained	Extension of tender validity	Reduction of consultancy bidding invitations	Request for reduction of fee	Request staff for no pay leave	Request staff for salary reduction	Lay off staff
No. of RESPONSES	37	21	40	35	27	38	23	8	5	7

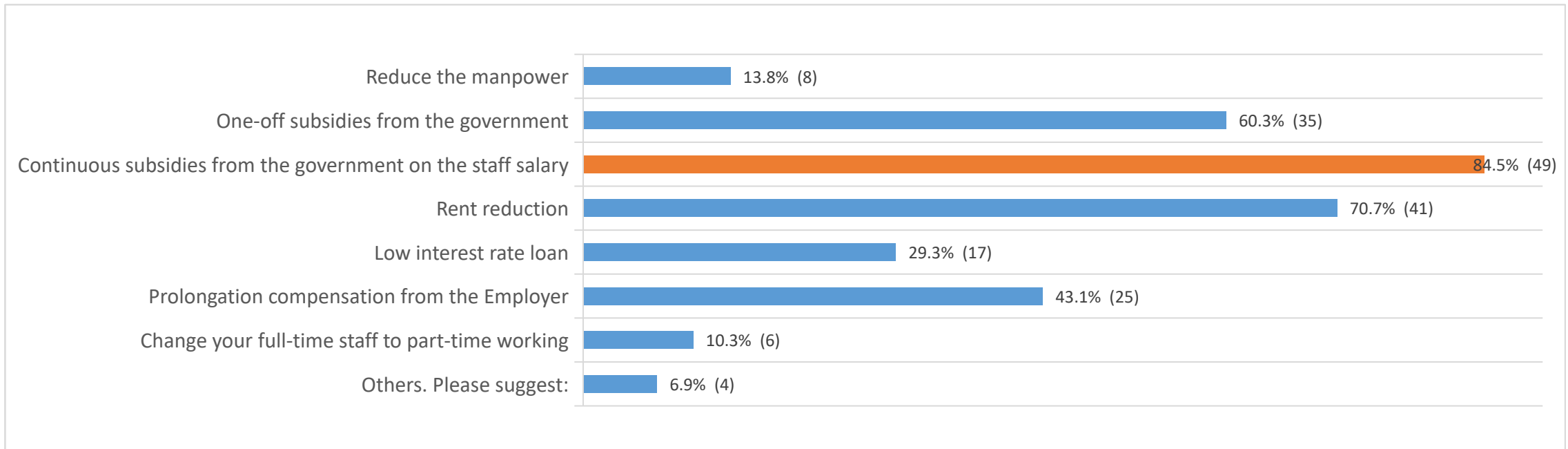


Q.8 Under the COVID-19 situation, can you give your rating independently to which of the following types of consultancy engagements that may have affected your payments? (1 least affected - 5 most affected)



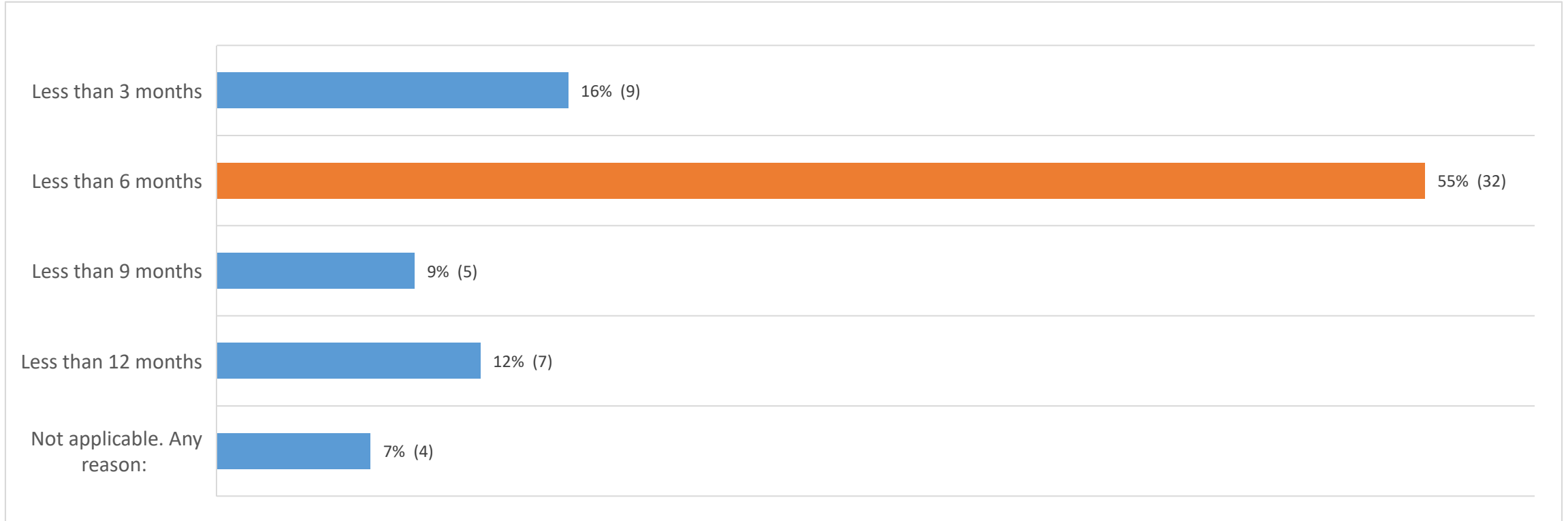
ANSWER CHOICES	Engaged directly by Private owner	Engaged directly by the Government Departments	Projects engaged directly by the NGO	Engaged as consultant under Design & Build Contractor	Engaged as sub-consultant under other consultant
1 (Least Affected)	11	17	20	16	11
2	4	8	11	8	11
3	9	10	8	8	10
4	14	7	6	8	7
5 (Most affected)	19	6	4	7	6

Q.9 In view of the impacts by COVID-19 to your practice, which of the following measures will be most helpful to you? *You can pick more than one in below.*



ANSWER CHOICES	Reduce the manpower	One-off subsidies from the government	Continuous subsidies from the government on the staff salary	Rent reduction	Low interest rate loan	Prolongation compensation from the Employer	Change your full-time staff to part-time working	Others. Please suggest:
No. of RESPONSES	8	35	49	41	17	25	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government fiscal simulation to our client base to encourage ongoing investment</li> <li>Government supply of masks, sanitary products, etc. Clearer instruction on government subsidy application. Earlier announcement and execution of government support.</li> <li>more government projects</li> <li>Hospital Authority to release Banker's Guarantees which will cause them nothing but improve consultants' cast flow</li> </ul>

Q.10 Under the current COVID-19 situation, how long do you think your practice can survive to pay the office expenses?



ANSWER CHOICES	Less than 3 months	Less than 6 months	Less than 9 months	Less than 12 months	Not applicable. Reasons:
No. of RESPONSES	9	32	5	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Too sensitive for disclosure</li> <li>• Unknown</li> <li>• preservative control of overhead expenses</li> <li>• we are not affected by the pandemic. previously and currently, we are at around 9 months</li> </ul>