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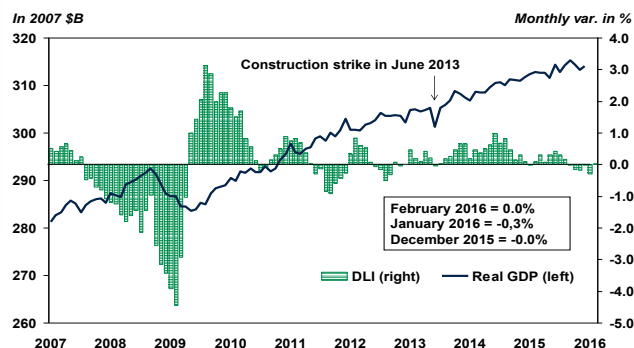
## The DLI stabilizes in February 2016

The Desjardins Leading Index (DLI) held steady in February 2016 after posting five declines in the previous six months. Under these circumstances, the Quebec economy will keep expanding, but its pace will likely be subdued over the next three to six months.

- **Consumers component:** This component was down for the second month in a row in February after a slight uptick in December 2015. The weakness of the consumers component points toward a modest contribution to economic growth.
- **Housing component:** It continued its downward trend, which started in October 2015. The housing market is in a rebalancing period, so the housing component's contribution to the Quebec economy will remain fairly lacklustre in the months ahead.
- **Business component:** It stabilized after several consecutive months of contraction. The upswing in entrepreneur confidence greatly contributed to the February reading. Nevertheless, the business component's contribution to the provincial economy should remain limited in the coming months.

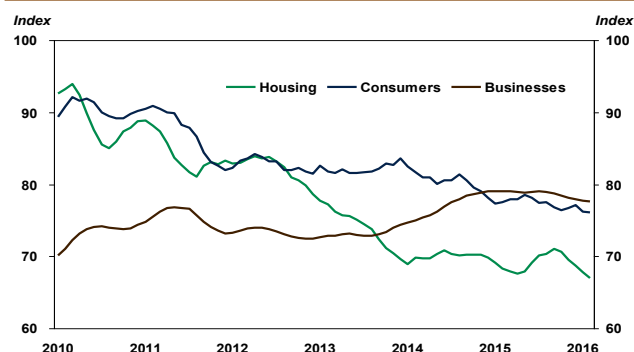
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### Growth of the Desjardins Leading Index (DLI)



Sources: Institut de la statistique du Québec and Desjardins, Economic Studies

### Growth of the three DLI components



Source: Desjardins, Economic Studies

### Trends in the components

Monthly var. in %	December	January	February
DLI	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Consumers	0.6	-1.1	-0.2
Housing	-1.1	-1.3	-1.2
Businesses	-0.3	-0.3	0.0

Source: Desjardins, Economic Studies

A composite index that allows market players to monitor shifts in Quebec's economy that may indicate an imminent recession or recovery.

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