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GDP continued to grow robustly in 2006 quarter four, driven mainly by the services sector, with little contribution from manufacturing output. On the expenditure side in 2006 quarter four, robust business investment continues to drive growth, supported by a pick in household spending. As a reflection of the UK's dynamic domestic demand profile and unfavourable exchange rate position the trade deficit widened in 2006 quarter four. The Labour Market exhibited signs of improvement in quarter four, but average earnings remain subdued. The public sector finances improved in January 2007. Consumer and producer output price inflation fell in January 2007.

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