# Graphing and interpreting errors in Budget Forecasting Solutions



### Part 1: Budget forecasting errors over time

1 Graph the Budget outcomes and errors in percentage forecasts for the period between 2010-2022 on one chart.



<sup>2</sup> What type of graph did you select to use? Line graph



<sup>3</sup> Why did you choose this type of graph? To compare the trend between the budget outcome and error in forecasts easily. Answers will vary

## **Part 2** – Distribution of Budget forecasting errors

#### **Questions 1-4**

	Error percentage
	-4.7
	-1.9
	-1.4
	-1.3
	-0.8
	-0.5
	-0.4
	-0.3
	0.3
	1
	3.6
	4.5
Average (mean)	-0.2
Median	-0.4

#### **Question 5**

The mean is higher than the median making the data positively skewed because there were more negative values in the data set.

#### **Questions 6-8**

Category	Number of errors in this category
-5 to -4	1
-4 to -3	0
-3 to -2	0
-2 to -1	3
-1 to 0	4
0 to 1	1
1 to 2	1
2 to 3	0
3 to 4	1
4 to 5	1
Total	12

#### **Question 9**



#### **Question 10**

There is a positive skew to the data. The mean and median are located in the same category.

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