

Bank of England PRA

Results

Pilot Survey:
Secondary Competitiveness and
Growth Objective



Survey Questions

Q1	The PRA's regulatory framework allows UK PRA-regulated firms to attract capital from overseas.
Q2	The PRA's regulatory framework allows UK PRA-regulated firms to attract skilled labour from abroad.
Q3	The PRA's regulatory framework makes the UK an attractive place for overseas firms to set up operations.
Q4	Noting that other elements outside of the PRA's control also contribute to the attractiveness of the UK as a global financial centre (e.g. employment, tax and infrastructure policy), please include any further comments about the PRA's regulatory framework and its impact on harnessing the UK's strengths as a global financial centre. Please clarify which specific areas are particularly helpful or need further development.
Q5	Please rank the following factors in terms of importance for the attractiveness of a financial centre as a place to do business (in descending order): <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Conduct regulation (including market integrity, consumer protection and competition law)▪ High levels of human capital▪ Infrastructure (roads, buildings, facilities, ability to digitalise)▪ Prudential regulation▪ Stability and predictability of macroeconomic, political and legal systems▪ Tax regime▪ Other (please specify)
Q6	If you have ranked 'Other' anywhere other than in last place in Question 5, please specify what this factor is.
Q7	The PRA provides a stable and predictable regulatory environment.
Q8	The PRA's regulatory framework fosters trust in PRA-regulated firms.
Q9	The PRA's regulatory framework is accessible and user-friendly.
Q10	Please include any further comments about the impact the PRA's regulatory framework has on the level of trust in the UK as a place to do business. Include views on specific areas of the framework which are particularly helpful or need further development.
Q11	The PRA's regulatory framework is responsive to new market developments, including technological innovations and other global developments.
Q12	The PRA's regulatory framework is responsive to UK-specific risks and opportunities.
Q13	Please include any further comments on how well tailored to the UK circumstances the PRA's regulatory framework is. Include views on specific areas of the framework which are particularly helpful or need further development.
Q14	Based on the PRA's communications to-date, I believe the PRA's approach to its SCGO is clear and appropriate.
Q15	Please provide any further thoughts on appropriate metrics that could be used to judge the PRA's performance against its secondary competitiveness and growth objective.
Q16	Please include any other comments not captured above.

All conference invitees were invited to respond to the survey. Responses were collected from 18 May to 30 June 2023. **145 responses** were received.

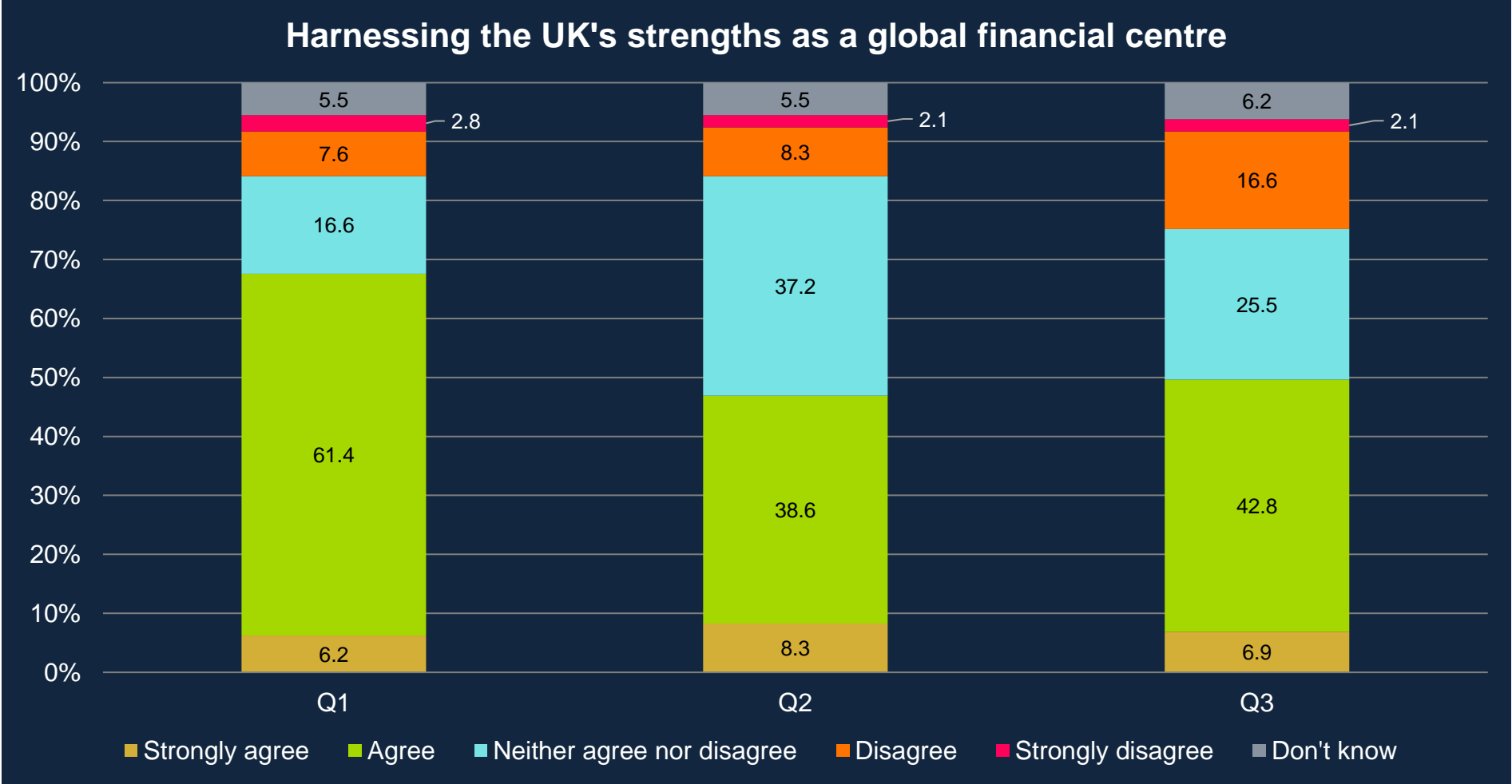
Questions are grouped into four broad categories:

- The PRA will make rules that **harness the UK's strengths as a global financial centre** (Q1 – 6)
- The PRA will act to **maintain trust** (Q7 – 10)
- The PRA will **tailor rules** to UK circumstances (Q11 – 14)
- Further questions (Q15 – 16)

Respondents provide a score for each question, where applicable, in a range of 'strongly disagree' (least favourable), to 'strongly agree' (most favourable), as well as a 'don't know' option.

Respondents also were invited to provide specific comments to elaborate on issues.

The PRA will make rules that harness the UK's strengths as a global financial centre (1)

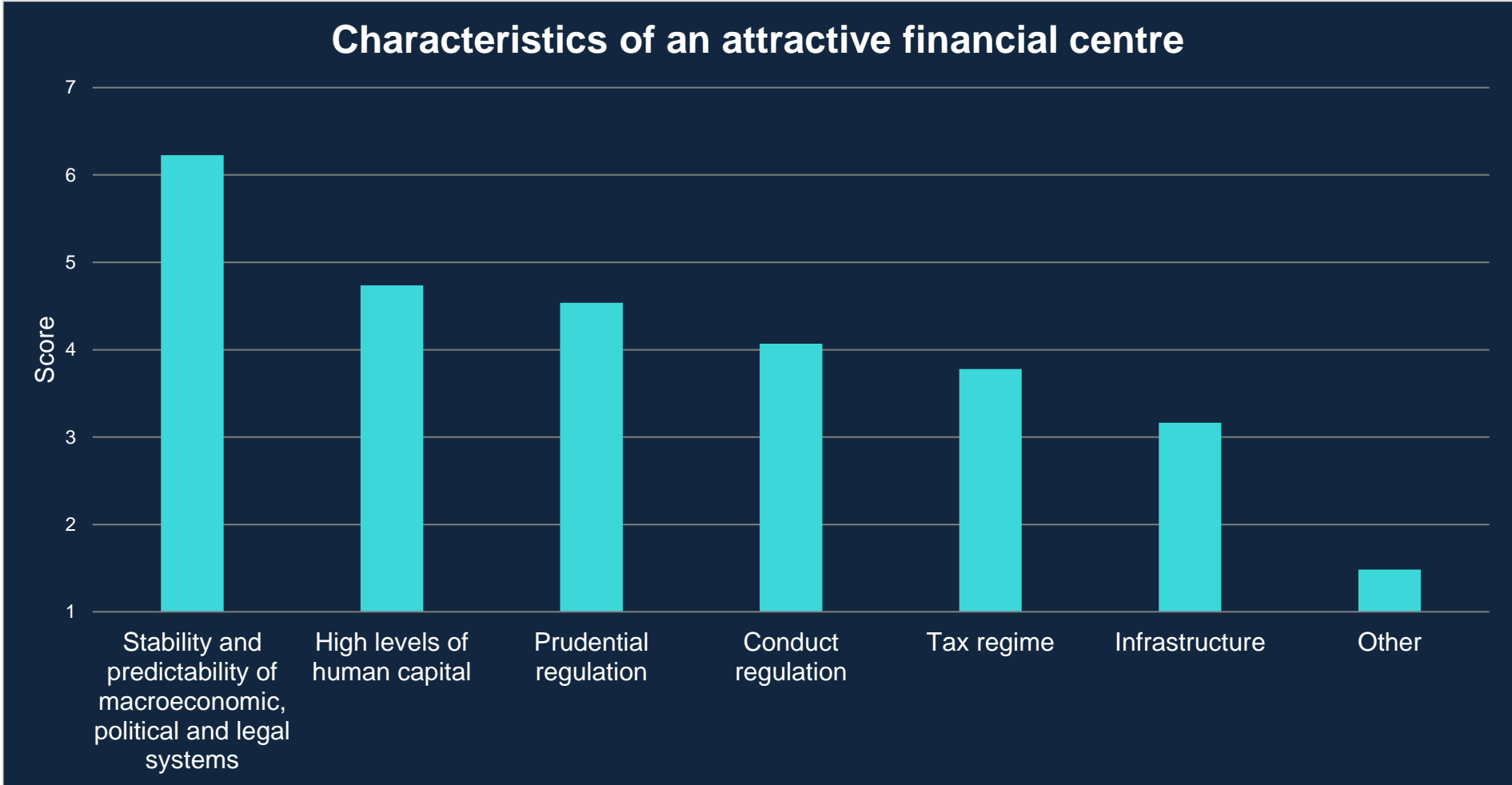


The graph (left) provides a breakdown of responses to questions on the PRA's commitment to make rules that **harness the UK's strengths as a global financial centre**.

The graph provides a percentage (%) of respondents who responded strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree and don't know, to each of the questions.

- Q1** The PRA's regulatory framework allows UK PRA-regulated firms to attract capital from overseas.
- Q2** The PRA's regulatory framework allows UK PRA-regulated firms to attract skilled labour from abroad.
- Q3** The PRA's regulatory framework makes the UK an attractive place for overseas firms to set up operations.

The PRA will make rules that harness the UK's strengths as a global financial centre (2)



The graph (left) provides an analysis of Q5, in which respondents were asked to rank characteristics associated with attractive financial centres, in order of importance.

If a characteristic was ranked as most important, it received a score of 7, if it was ranked as second most important, it received a score of 6 etc. If a characteristic was ranked as least important, it received a score of 1.

The graph provides a weighted average score for each characteristic, where the maximum possible score is 7 and minimum possible score is 1.

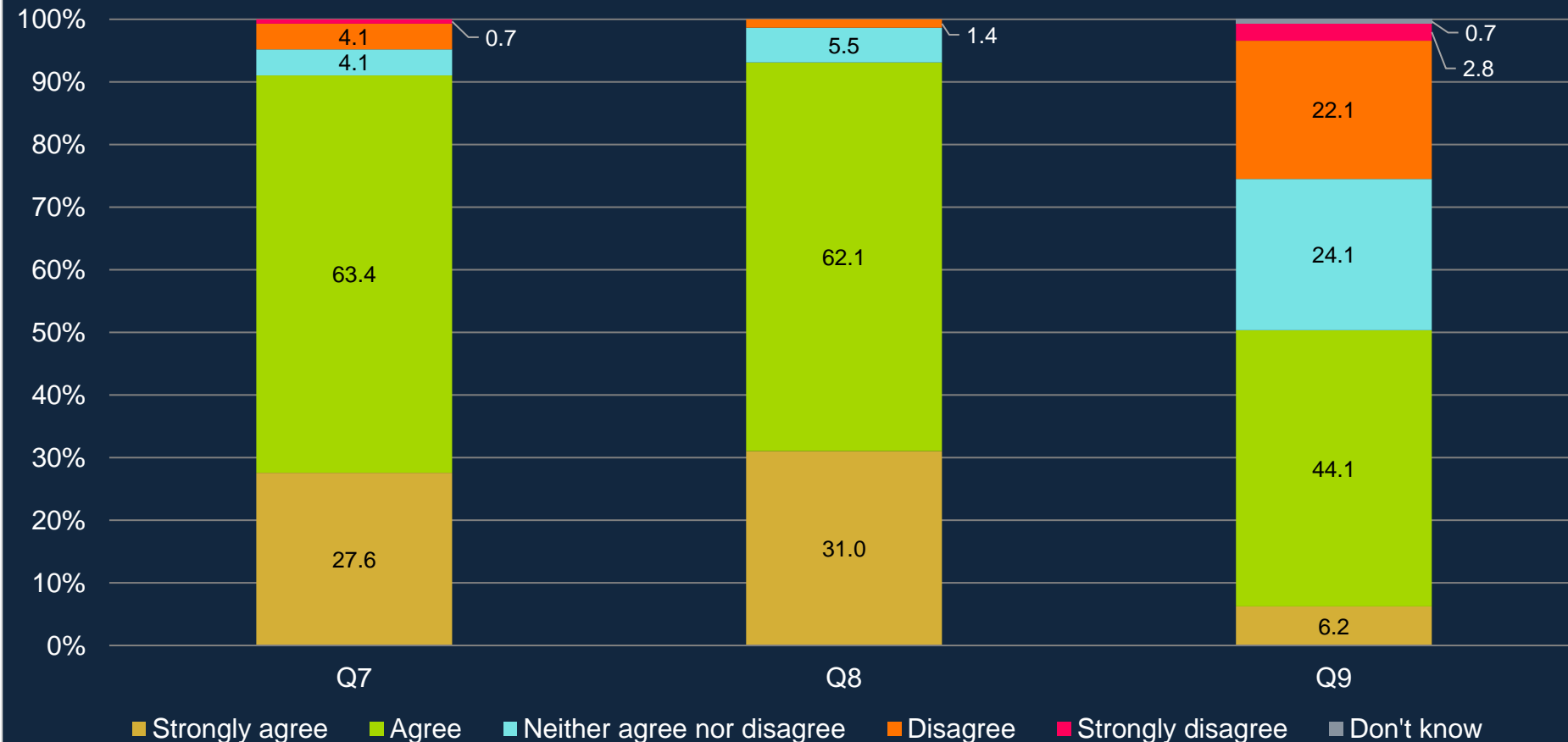
Q5 Please rank the following factors in terms of importance for the attractiveness of a financial centre as a place to do business (in descending order)

Q6 If you have ranked 'Other' anywhere other than in last place in Question 5, please specify what this factor is.

'Other' suggestions included: Strength of equity capital markets, English as a main language, education, innovation, relationship with other regulators, alignment with international standards, culture, operational costs, competition, environmental standards.

The PRA will act to maintain trust

Maintaining trust

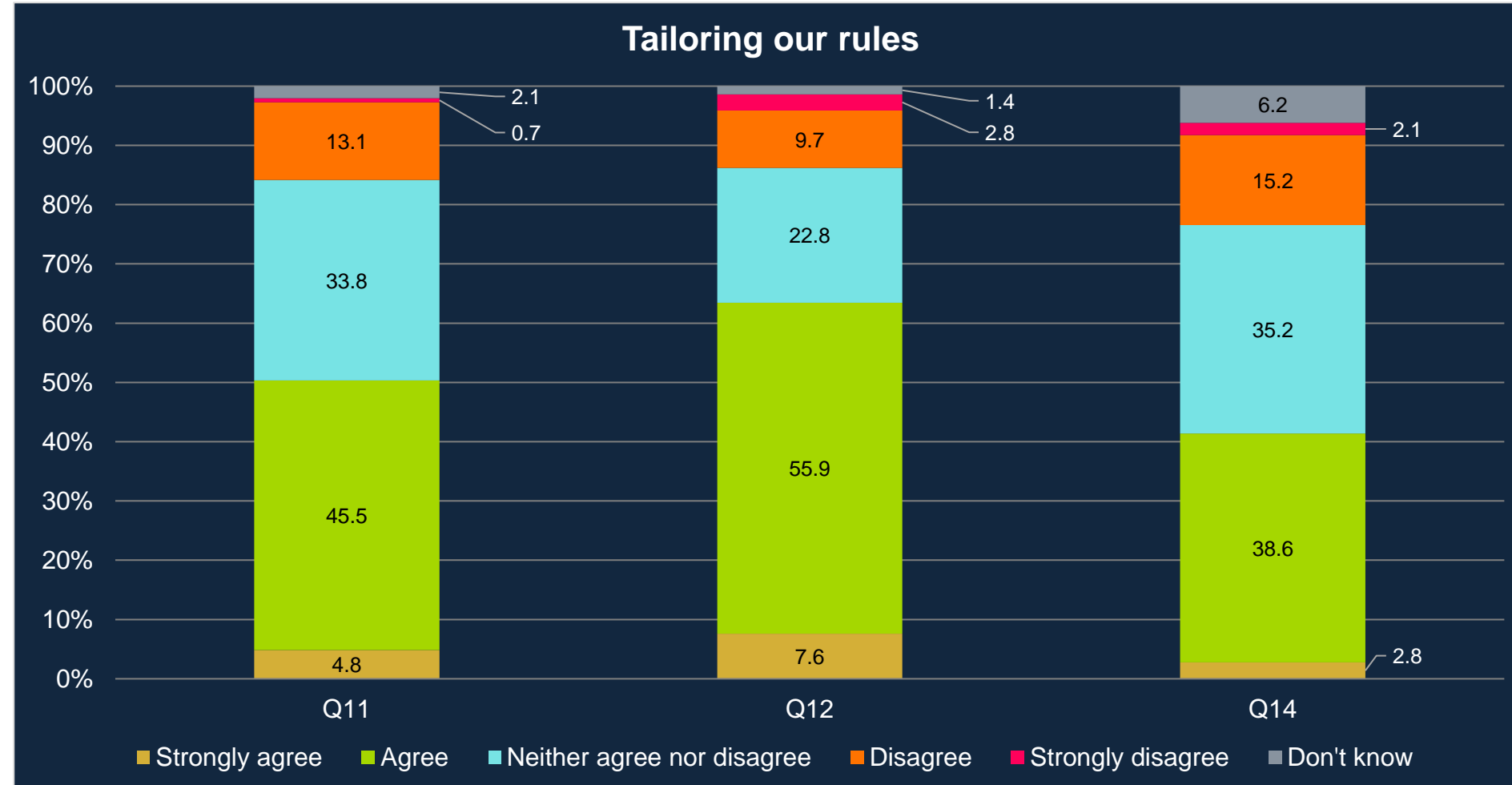


The graph (left) provides a breakdown of responses to questions on the PRA's commitment to make rules that **maintain trust** in the UK as a place to financial sector business.

The graph provides a percentage (%) of respondents who responded strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree and don't know, to each of the questions.

- Q7** The PRA provides a stable and predictable regulatory environment.
- Q8** The PRA's regulatory framework fosters trust in PRA-regulated firms.
- Q9** The PRA's regulatory framework is accessible and user-friendly.

The PRA will tailor rules to UK circumstances

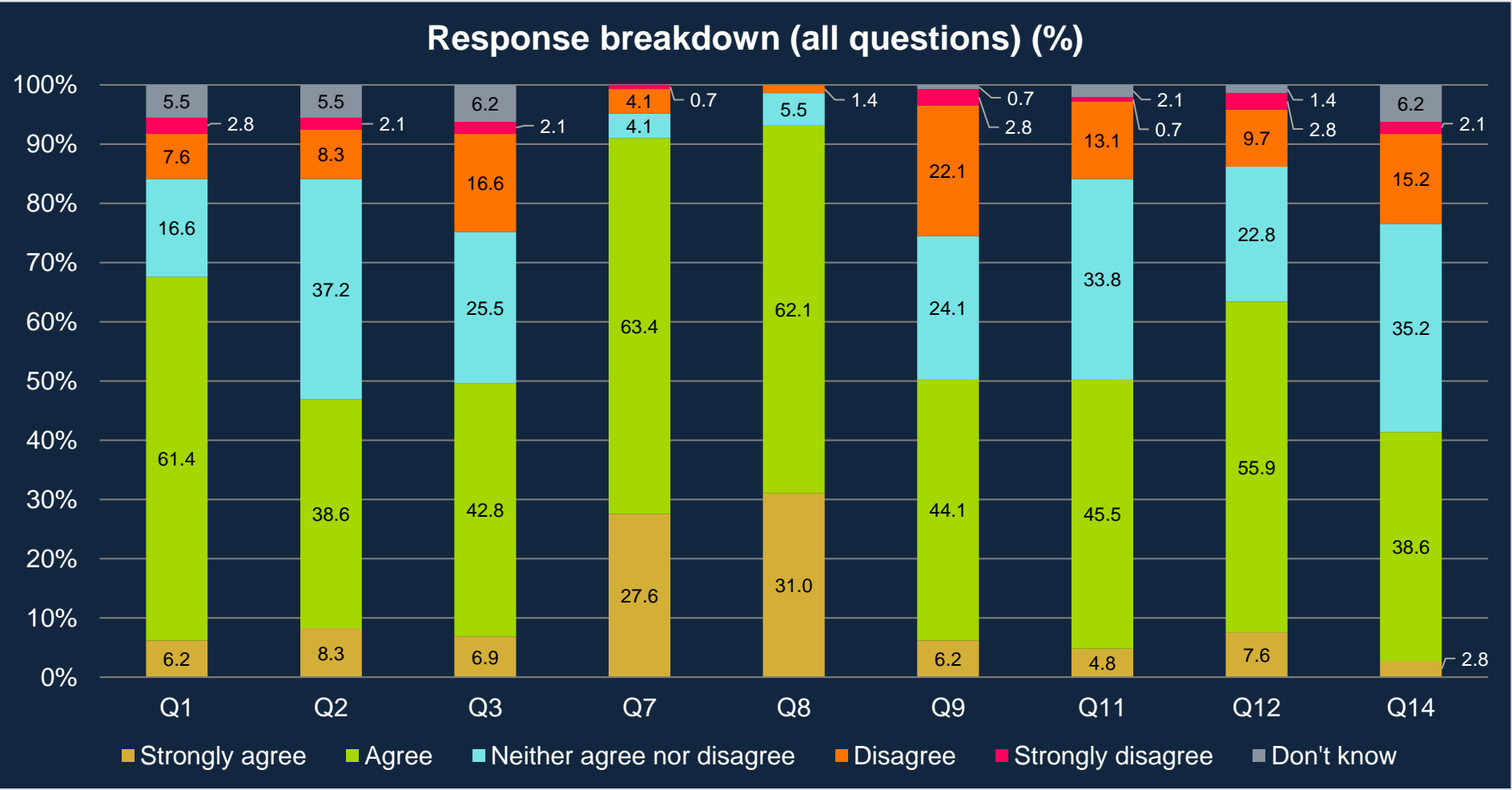


The graph (*left*) provides a breakdown of responses to questions on the PRA's commitment to make rules that are **tailored to UK circumstances**.

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- Q11** The PRA's regulatory framework is responsive to new market developments, including technological innovations and other global developments.
- Q12** The PRA's regulatory framework is responsive to UK-specific risks and opportunities.
- Q14** Based on the PRA's communications to-date, I believe the PRA's approach to its SCGO is clear and appropriate.

Response breakdown across all questions



The graph (*left*) provides a breakdown of responses to **all survey questions**.

The graph provides a percentage (%) of respondents who responded strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor disagree, disagree, strongly disagree and don't know, to each of the questions.

Q5 and Q6 are not included as these questions asked respondents to rank characteristics of an attractive financial centre by order of importance.

Q4, 10, 13, 15 and 16 are not included as these questions invited respondents to provide qualitative, text responses.

