

POWERING PROGRESS

The CBI's impact in
the first half of 2025

A snapshot of how we've championed your priorities, shaped the policy agenda, and delivered meaningful change for business.



Kickstarting growth

The CBI has secured key policy wins to kickstart growth – unlocking investment, boosting digital capability, and accelerating infrastructure delivery:

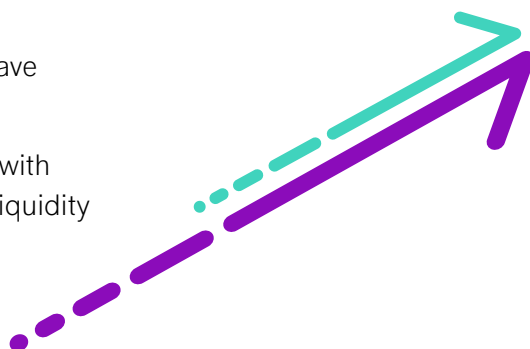
- **£1.6bn** HMRC digital upgrade secured to streamline tax administration and save businesses significant time and effort
- Public R&D uplift to unlock private investment, helping to leverage private sector R&D spend and drive innovation
- A dynamic and interactive infrastructure pipeline portal, which will offer greater transparency, making it easier for investors to track potential opportunities and for supply chain firms to plan their operations



Boosting productivity

The CBI's influence has helped secure major wins on skills and labour market reform – delivering greater flexibility, certainty, and cost savings for UK employers:

- Reform of the Apprenticeship Levy to a broader Growth and Skills Levy with greater flexibility for employers to invest in a wider range of training programmes
- Secured changes to proposals to the Employment Rights Bill on fire and rehire and collective redundancy that will reduce the most damaging aspects to growth and investment
- The removal of the Pension Protection Fund Levy will save businesses approximately **£100m** a year
- Defined Benefit pensions surplus return made easier - with all schemes now able to give back surplus, improving liquidity for businesses





Cost of doing business

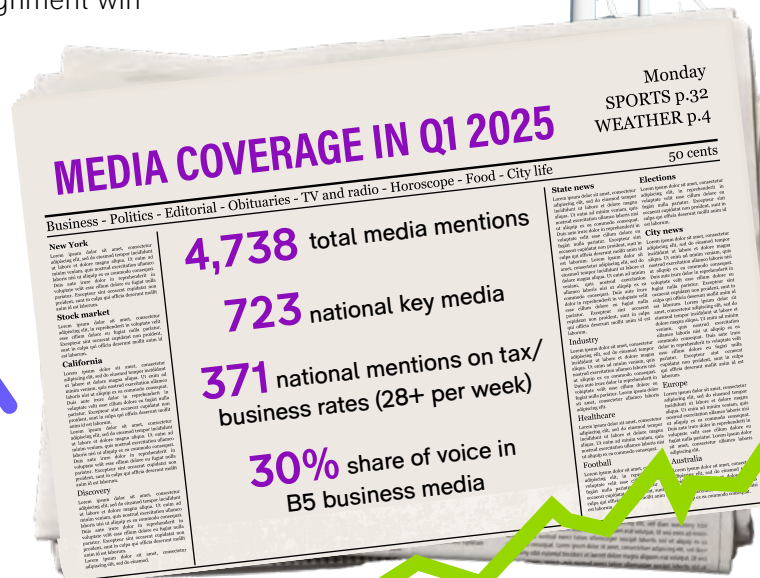
Our advocacy has delivered real progress on the cost of doing business – shaping UK, US, and EU policy to ease regulatory pressure and unlock global competitiveness for our members:

- Energy cost relief secured in the UK Industrial Strategy
- Regulation baseline review launched – aiming to cut business burdens by **25%**, as recommended in our Good Regs Guide
- Section 899 fix secured in US legislation – removing unintended barriers for UK multinationals
- **8 of 12** CBI recommendations adopted in the EU-UK Common Understanding

Accelerating to net zero

The UK government has committed over **£32bn** to key net zero initiatives – securing progress that unlocks investment, strengthens supply chains, and drives clean growth:

- **£14.2bn** for Sizewell C nuclear power, ensuring secure energy supply, and a major project for jobs and investment in UK supply chains
- **£2.5bn** for Small Modular Reactors and **£2.5bn** for fusion technology, simulating investment in areas of high growth for the UK
- **£13.2bn** pledged for Warm Homes Plan, building the market for energy efficiency technologies
- UK-EU Emissions Trading Schemes now set to be linked – a major clean energy alignment win



Political engagement – H1 2025

683 government meetings
104 with Ministers, Secretaries of State, or the Prime Minister

