

CBI impact: 2026 so far



Changes to Employment Rights Bill proposals

On fire and rehire, collective redundancy, and the introduction of a 6-month qualifying period for unfair dismissal to reduce the most damaging impacts.



Exemptions to 60-day payment terms

Protecting working capital across large and international transactions.



British Industrial Competitiveness Scheme extended

Reducing electricity costs for eligible manufacturers.



Driving better market access with the EU

9 CBI asks were adopted in EU-UK Common Understanding, and our work ensured UK inclusion in the Made in Europe agenda.



New Bill to modernise UK regulation

The Regulating for Growth Bill will help UK regulation to keep pace with emerging technologies, enabling faster adoption of proven solutions.



Expanded Jobs Guarantee to age 24

Covering 100% of employment costs for 25 hours a week at the relevant minimum wage.



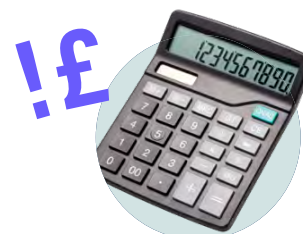
Fast-tracking critical infrastructure projects

By reducing delays caused by judicial review challenges.



Vital reforms to small business finance

Expanded support through the Growth Guarantee Scheme, lengthened loan terms and backing IP-rich companies will help SMEs access the right finance.

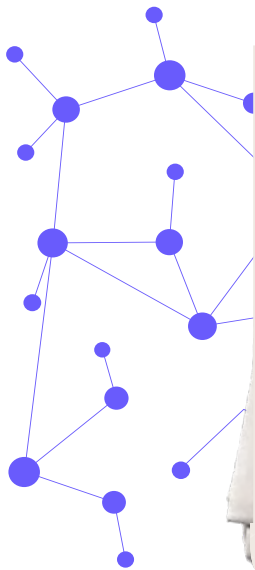


£1.6bn HMRC digital upgrade

Streamlining tax processes, reducing administrative burden and saving firms time and effort.

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How we created impact



Media coverage so far in 2026

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New York

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5,995 overall media mentions
619 national key media mentions
35.7 bn people reached by our media
266 national mentions on the Cost of Doing Business

State news

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City news

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Spotlighted the biggest tax burden business has ever shouldered, through new economic analysis and a powerful speech from our CEO, featured in The Times, Telegraph, City A.M. and the Daily Mail.



As the sole representative of UK business in the B7 and in BusinessEurope, we have raised members' concerns across topics like Made in Europe, the EU-UK reset, and ensuring the Industrial Accelerator Act is favourable to UK business.



Provided evidence to power government decisions on energy, supply chains, and UK competitiveness in response to the Middle East conflict. Our business pressures heatmap was used by 400+ government stakeholders.

Working with new devolved administrations to advance growth priorities. At the CBI Scotland Annual Lunch – in his first major speech – the First Minister committed to action on planning reform, business rates and skills.



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