BCC cheers fresh look at immigration rules

Commenting on the Home Secretary's remarks on the Andrew Marr Show about reviewing the UK's immigration rules, Dr Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC), said:

"The Home Secretary's commitment to taking a fresh look at the immigration rules will be cheered by employers all across the UK.

"The system as it stands is dysfunctional, expensive and a brake on growth.

"The Home Secretary should start by scrapping the nonsensical cap on skilled workers, which hamstrings both fast-growing firms and the public services. He should then act swiftly to combat the perception that the UK is closed for business — by stripping back the bureaucracy and costs that make it hard for firms to hire the best talent from around the world."

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