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Diane Abbott MP, Labour's Shadow Home Secretary welcomed

the Government's commissioning of a report on the role of EU nationals in the UK economy and society and said:

"There is far too much heat and not enough light about immigration, so any truly objective and well-informed analysis must be welcome.

"We already know that immigrants, both EU and non-EU, make a huge contribution to the economy and to wider society. They occupy both high-skilled, high-wage jobs and lower-skilled, lower paid ones, adding value across a wide range of economic sectors. They help make the UK more internationally competitive, and sectors with staff shortages, such as the NHS, social care and agriculture, would be in serious difficulty without them.

"The report should be published. There must be no repeat of the buried Home Office reports into international students, or the Saudi funding of terrorism. And there should be no attempt to reform the immigration system until the report has been published and debated."

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