

Knee-jerk immigration policy poses 'huge risks' to economy



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GMB, Britain's general union, has responded to the Government's proposed new immigration system.

Tim Roache, GMB General Secretary, said:

"This is a knee-jerk policy that poses huge risks to the economy. This could genuinely tip some businesses over the edge.



“The Home Secretary has started a ticking clock with seemingly no plan and failed to provide any strategy to secure and sustain key industries.

“This policy doesn’t tackle the root causes of many people’s concern – the exploitation of workers, whoever they are, by cynical employers has created a race to the bottom in terms, conditions and pay.

““ This knee-jerk policy could genuinely tip some businesses over the edge.

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“On the day we see the number of zero hours contracts in this country increase to almost a million, nothing this Government has said today is going to put an end to business models that use insecure work as a cash cow.

“Scapegoating migrants and playing to the gallery may get some cheap headlines, but it’s wrong and put whole sectors – such as social care and food, not to mention the NHS – at risk.”

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