BBC LEARNING ENGLISH **Media English** 媒体英语 Foreign students boost UK economy 海外留学生刺激英国经济增长



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在一项由伦敦商界领袖授权进行的研究报告中显示,在伦敦学习的海外留学生对英国 经济作出了23 亿英镑的贡献,因此商界领袖呼吁政府应把留学生排除在净移民统计数 据之外。请听BBC 记者 Mark Easton 的报道:

London is the most popular city in the world for international students, with 100,000 in the capital at any one time. Two thirds come from outside the EU – temporary foreign visitors who, according to a study by the business organisation London First and the **accountants** PwC, contribute £2.3bn **net** to the UK economy each year and support nearly 70,000 jobs.

The business leaders are **urging** the government not to include students in their net migration target. It **argues** ministers should also **reinstate** the right for foreign students to work in the UK for a few years after **graduation**.

The Home Office said it was right to include students in net migration figures because all immigrants had an **impact** on communities, housing and **public services**.

Questions

- I. Where do most of the foreign students come from?
- 2. What should students be allowed to do after their studies, according to the study?
- 3. True or false? Students might have an impact on accommodation but not on transport.
- 4. What word used in the report describes 'something many people like and seek'?

Vocabulary and definitions

accountants	会计事务所
net	净(收入)
urging	呼吁
argues	辩论
reinstate	使复原,使恢复
graduation	毕业
impact	影响
public services	公共服务

Answers to the questions:

- I. Where do most of the foreign students come from? Answer: Outside the EU (European Union).
- 2. What should students be allowed to do after their studies, according to the study? Answer: To work in the UK for a few years after graduation.
- 3. True or false? Students might have an impact on accommodation but not on transport. Answer: False. According to the Home Office, they have an impact on public services and transport in London is a public service.
- 4. What word used in the report describes 'something many people like and seek'? Answer: Popular.