

## PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an Annual Report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and any actions taken in response to such disclosures.

Pursuant to this requirement, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) confirms that no disclosures were made to the EPA as an employer, under Section 6 of the Protected Disclosures Act for the financial year from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017.

Pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 339 of 2014, the Director General of the EPA is prescribed to be the recipient of disclosures of relevant wrongdoings in relation to all matters relating to the protection of the environment in the State.

The EPA confirms that, during 2017, one disclosure was received by the EPA as a prescribed person under Section 7 of the Protected Disclosures Act. The disclosure has been investigated by the EPA and the EPA is pursuing legal action with the case currently before the Courts.