

PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 (the Act) 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 EPA confirms that one disclosure was made to the EPA as an employer, under Section 6 of the Act for the financial year from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021.

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.

Pursuant to this requirement, the EPA confirms that, eight disclosures from a party external to the EPA were received during the year. All disclosures have been investigated by the EPA. Appropriate enforcement action was initiated where necessary in some instances.