



PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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 no disclosures were made to the EPA as an employer, under Section 6 of the Act for the financial year from 1st January 2018 to 31st December 2018.

Pursuant to S.I. 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, three disclosures from parties external to the EPA were received during the year. Actions taken in response to such disclosures are outlined under:

- One of the disclosures related to a business not licenced by the EPA and the complaint was followed up with the relevant local authority who addressed the issues raised.
- In another case, the EPA considered the disclosure and was of the view that there was insufficient information to proceed with an investigation and the discloser was notified accordingly.
- In the final case, an examination of the disclosure was completed, and it was determined that the issue raised was not within the EPA's remit and fell instead within the remit of another public body. The discloser was notified accordingly.