

Protected Disclosures Annual Report: 2019

Annual Report of the COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION (CCPC) under the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014

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 CCPC confirms that 4 protected disclosures were received in accordance with the provisions of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 for the financial year from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019. All protected disclosures were made to the Chairperson as a prescribed person under the Act. No disclosures were made by employees of the CCPC. After consideration, one disclosure was deemed to have insufficient information to proceed to a further assessment and the complainant was notified accordingly.

In summary the matters raised in the other disclosures were;

- Correspondence to the Chairperson from a member of the public providing material relating to a potentially relevant wrongdoing which was assessed under Section 5(3)(a) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. Following a preliminary assessment, it was decided that no further action would be taken by the CCPC at that stage. The discloser has been updated accordingly.
- Correspondence to the Chairperson from a member of the public providing material relating to a potentially relevant wrongdoing which was assessed under Section 5(3)(a) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. The material was reviewed and an investigation conducted, however, there was insufficient evidence of any offence relevant to the remit of the CCPC. The discloser was updated following the closure of the investigation.
- Correspondence to the Chairperson from a member of the public providing material relating to a potentially relevant wrongdoing which was assessed under Section 5(3)(a) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. The material was reviewed and an assessment made the potential relevant wrongdoing disclosed was outside the remit of the CCPC. The information provided by the discloser, with their consent, was forwarded to the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau.

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