

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL PROTECTION (DEASP) ANNUAL PROTECTED DISCLOSURES REPORT 2019

Protected Disclosures Act 2014

The Department is committed to fostering an appropriate environment for addressing concerns relating to potential wrongdoing in the workplace and to providing the necessary support for staff that raise genuine concerns. The Act requires public bodies to establish and maintain procedures for dealing with protected disclosures and to provide written information relating to these procedures to workers. The Department has such procedures in place.

Nine submissions were made to the Department under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 during 2019. Actions taken resulting from the submissions were as follows:

No action necessary following assessment	6
Assessed and investigated and no further action necessary	2
Assessed as a personal employment issue and dealt with accordingly	1

Submissions under the protected disclosures procedures since introduction of the act in 2014				
Year	b/f from previous year	Received	Assessed & completed	C/f to next year
2014		1	0	1
2015	1	1	2	
2016		1	0	1
2017	1	10	7	4
2018	4	16	20	
2019		9	9	
Total		38	38	