

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

Under Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 (as amended by the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022) each public body is required to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and the action taken (if any). This report must not result in persons making disclosures being identifiable.

The Department of Education confirms that it has internal and external reporting channels and procedures in place.

This is the report of the Department of Education for year ending 31 December 2023.

| Reports of alleged wrongdoing received in 2023 | |
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| Correspondence received for examination under the Protected Disclosures | 20 |
| Act in 2023 from workers in bodies under the Aegis of the department | |
| including 3 anonymous reports. | |
| Status of reports at 31/12/23 | |
| Reports deemed not a relevant wrongdoing as defined in Section 5 of the | 6 |
| Act | |
| Reports awaiting assessment at year end | 4 |
| Reports assessed as warranting further follow up | 10 |

No protected disclosures were received from workers of the Department in the period covered by this report.

March 2024