



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION FOR 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

Each public body is required under Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 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.

This is the report of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) for year ending 31 December 2017.

There were four new issues raised as protected disclosures with the Minister/Department in the period covered by this report. None of these matters was raised by employees of the Department or its Offices.

In summary the matters raised were;

- Correspondence to the Minister from a former employee of a Government Office, not under the mandate of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, in respect of the person's treatment in employment. The person was advised that the matter raised required to be dealt with directly with the relevant Government Department, having regard to the processes and procedures in place for dealing with HR/ industrial relations matters.
- Correspondence to the Minister from a member of the public referencing a matter in which an Office of the Department had been involved. The correspondence was reviewed and correspondence on this same matter had been dealt with previously and no further response was deemed necessary.
- Correspondence to the Minister from a member of the public in relation to a private property transaction in which one of the Agencies of the Department had a peripheral involvement. The circumstances around the aspect which required the involvement of the Agency was evaluated and the individual was advised that the procedure followed had been in accordance with correct and normal procedures that apply in such instances.
- The Minister was copied on correspondence to a Minister in another Government Department on matters relating to a body which was under the remit of the other Department. The relevant Department confirmed to DBEI that it was investigating the matter raised and no further action was required by DBEI.

A matter, which had been reported in a previous annual report under Section 22, relating to an issue raised by an employee of the Department and its Offices, is still under review.