



## **Protected Disclosure Period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023**

Under Section 6 (3) the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022, the ERC, as a public body, has a legal obligation to establish and maintain procedures for the making of protected disclosures by workers who are or were employed by the ERC, and for dealing with such disclosures.

Written information in relation to those procedures must be provided to workers employed by the ERC.

The CEO and the Board of the ERC are responsible for dealing with disclosures.

In accordance with section 22 of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022, a report on protected disclosures is to be issued to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March each year for the preceding year (the report must also be published on the ERC website by 30<sup>th</sup> March each year).

An ERC protected disclosure policy was approved by the ERC Board in January 2018, shared with staff and is accessible to all via [www.erc.ie](http://www.erc.ie). In view of the revised legislation the policy will be reviewed in Q1 2024 to ensure compliance.

This ERC disclosure report covers the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The number of reports made to the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner;	Nil
In the case of the Commissioner, the number of reports transmitted to the Commissioner under section 8 of the Act	N/A
In the case of the Commissioner, the number of reports transmitted by the Commissioner under section 10C(1)(b) or 10D(1)(b)(ii) to another suitable person (within the meaning of section 10C or 10D, as the case may be)	N/A
The number of reports transmitted to the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner, as the case may be, under sections 7, 10B, 10C and 10D	N/A
In respect of each report referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d), whether the relevant wrongdoing concerned was a breach	N/A
The number of investigations and proceedings opened by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d)	N/A

The number of investigations and proceedings opened, in the years preceding the year in respect of which the report is being made, by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned that remain open;	N/A
The number of investigations and proceedings closed by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d)	N/A
In respect of each closed investigation or proceedings referred to in paragraph (h), the outcome of the investigation or proceedings and the decision taken by the public body, prescribed person or Commissioner	N/A
Where relevant and in so far as it can be ascertained, the estimated financial damage and the amounts recovered following any investigation and proceedings referred to in paragraph (h)	N/A
Such other information relating to the performance of the functions of public bodies, prescribed bodies or the Commissioner, as the case may be under this Act, as may be requested by the Minister	N/A

The ERC has no protected disclosure to report for the aforementioned period.

*Damian Downes*

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