Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act requires public bodies to prepare a report not later than the 30th June each year setting out the number of protected disclosures made to it in the course of the immediately preceding year and certain other information relating to any such protected disclosures.

This report under Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act covers the period from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019. Two disclosures were made to the Department in that period.

Both of these submissions were in relation to bodies under the aegis of the Department. Two investigations were carried out by the Assistant Secretary, Corporate Affairs Division, in line with the process set out in the Department’s policy. The outcome of these investigations were that the first submission was deemed not to be a Protected Disclosure within the provisions of the Act and while the second submission fulfilled the general requirements for a disclosure that could potentially attract the protections of the Protected Disclosures Act, there was no evidence of any wrongdoing having occurred.