

Protected Disclosures Annual Report: 2020

Annual Report of the COMPETITION AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION (CCPC) under the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 requires the publication of an Annual Report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and any actions taken in response to such disclosures.

Pursuant to this requirement, the CCPC confirms that 2 protected disclosures were received in accordance with the provisions of the Protected Disclosures Act, 2014 for the financial year from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020. No disclosures were made by employees of the CCPC.

After consideration, one disclosure was deemed to have insufficient information to proceed to a further assessment and, as the disclosure was made anonymously via the European Commission Directorate-General for Competition's whistle-blowing portal, it was not possible to notify the discloser.

The other disclosure related to correspondence sent anonymously to the Chairperson providing material relating to a potentially relevant wrongdoing which was assessed under Section 5(3)(a) of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. Following a preliminary assessment, it was concluded that there was insufficient information to substantiate the allegation of anti-competitive conduct in a named sector. As the disclosure was sent anonymously, the CCPC was unable to follow up with the discloser.

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