

CCPC Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2023

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

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

The CCPC confirms that it has in place both internal and external reporting channels and procedures for protected disclosures and is reporting the following information in relation to protected disclosures received in accordance with the provisions of the Protected Disclosures Act for the financial year from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

- a) 33 reports were made to the CCPC.
- b) 33 reports were transmitted to the CCPC using the external channels, broken down as follows:

Received via the external reporting channel established under section 7(2B) of the Act	3
Transmitted by another prescribed person under section 7A(1)(b)(vi) of the Act	3
Transmitted by the Protected Disclosures Commissioner under section 10C(1)(b) of the Act	6
Transmitted by the Protected Disclosures Commissioner under section 10D(1)(b)(ii) of the Act	21

- c) Of the 33 reports:
 - a. 31 were assessed as warranting no further follow-up:
 - i. 30 were found not to contain evidence of a relevant wrongdoing within the CCPC's remit.
 - ii. 1 was assessed as not being a protected disclosure.
 - b. 1 of the reports was assessed as warranting further follow-up and remained under investigation at year end.
 - c. 1 of the reports was awaiting completion of assessment at year end.
- d) 0 reports referred to in paragraph (a) concerned a relevant wrongdoing that was confirmed to be a breach, however, 2 reports remained open at year end.
- e) 1 investigation and 0 proceedings were opened by the CCPC in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraph (a).
- f) 0 investigations and 0 proceedings were opened, in the years preceding the year in respect of which this report is being made, by the CCPC in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned that remain open.

- g) 0 investigations and proceedings were closed by the CCPC in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in paragraph (a).

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