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Ombudsman for Children's Office

Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2023

In accordance with section 22 of the Protected Disclosures (Amendment) Act 2022, public bodies, prescribed persons and the Protected Disclosures Commissioner must issue a report on protected disclosures to the Minister of Public Expenditure and Reform. Section 22(5) of the Act requires that this information also be published on the organisation's website.

This is the report of the Ombudsman for Children's Office for the year ending 31st December 2023.

The Ombudsman for Children's Office can confirm that it has in place both internal reporting channels and procedures and external reporting channels and procedures as outlined in its whistle blowing policies and procedures and fraud reporting policies and procedures.

Listed below is the information on protected disclosures the Ombudsman for Children's Office provided to the Minister for the year ending 31st December 2023.

- a) the number of reports made to the Ombudsman for Children's Office;
NIL

- b) the number of reports transmitted to the Ombudsman for Children's Office as the case may be, under sections 7, 10B, 10C and 10D;
NIL

- c) in respect of each report referred to in section (a) to (b), whether the relevant wrongdoing concerned was a breach;
N/A

- d) the number of investigations and proceedings opened by the Ombudsman for Children's Office in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in section (a) to (b);
NIL

- e) the number of investigations and proceedings opened, in the years preceding the year in respect of which the report is being made, by the Ombudsman for Children's Office in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned that remain open;
NIL

f) the number of investigations and proceedings closed by the Ombudsman for Children's Office in relation to the relevant wrongdoings concerned as a result of the reports referred to in section (a) to (b);

NIL

g) in respect of each closed investigation or proceedings referred to in section (f), the outcome of the investigation or proceedings and the decision taken by the Ombudsman for Children's Office;

N/A

h) 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 section (f);

N/A