

**An Roinn Forbartha  
Tuaithe agus Pobail**  
Department of Rural and  
Community Development



Ms Éilis Fallon  
Committee Secretariat  
Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

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Response by email

**Department of Rural and Community Development Response  
to the Committee of Public Accounts**

Dear Ms Fallon,

I refer to your correspondence of 28 April last regarding Protected Disclosures to Government Departments.

I can confirm that this Department has a Protected Disclosures policy in place and has complied with the requirements of section 22 of the 2014 Act.

This Department has not received any Protected Disclosures since its establishment in July 2017.

In line with section 22 of the 2014 Act, annual reports for the Department of Rural and Community Development are publicly available on gov.ie at the link [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kevin McCarthy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**Kevin McCarthy**  
**Secretary General**