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Dear Ms Fallon

I refer to your letter of 28th April 2021 with regard to Protected Disclosures in relation to Government Departments.

Since enactment of the Protected Disclosures Act in 2014, 15 Protected Disclosures have been made to my Department.

In ten of these cases, the matters raised related to the business of the Department and were assigned for investigation by persons within the Department with the relevant expertise. These are finalised with no further action required. In the remaining five cases, the matters raised were not the subject of areas of responsibility of the Department and had been also separately raised with the relevant Government Department.

I am confirming that my Department has complied with section 22 of the Act, and the annual reports are publicly available on the Department's website at Protected Disclosures - DETE (enterprise.gov.ie).

Yours sincerely,

Dr Orlaigh Quinn Secretary General