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IRISH DEFENCE FORCES

Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2025

March 2026

1. Background

Section 22(5) of the Protected Disclosures Act (as amended) requires every public body, prescribed person and the Commissioner to prepare and publish, not later than 31st March each year, a report in relation to the immediately preceding year.

The Department of Defence (DoD) and the Defence Forces (DF) functions separated on 01 April 2025. The figures within this report relates to reports received and/or referred to the Defence Forces only from 01 April 2025 to 31 December 2025. For information relating to figures from the period of operation of the joint Protected Disclosures Office (01 January 2025 – 31 March 2025) please refer to the Protected Disclosures Annual Report 2025 published on 27 March 2026 by the Department of Defence.

Submissions received prior to the separation of the Protected Disclosures Office will be handled by both civil/military personnel of the PD office until the point of closure.

2. Statement

Section 22(5) of the Act, as amended, stipulates that the Defence Forces, shall publish on their website by the 31st March the following statement:

1. The Defence Forces has established internal reporting channels and procedures in accordance with the Act, as amended.

3. Internal Reporting Mechanism

Internal Reports made under Section 6 of the Act

This section of the Report deals with reports made by workers connected to the organisation using the internal reporting channels established under Section 6 of the Act.

- Zero (0) internal report received in 2025¹.

¹ Reporting Period is 01 April 2025 – 31 December 2025

4. External Reporting Mechanism

External Reports made or transmitted under Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Act

This section of the Report deals with allegations of wrongdoing made by workers using external reporting channels. For the Defence Forces, this relates to reports that were transmitted from the Office of the Protected Disclosures Commissioner (OPDC).

- Sixteen (16) reports were received from the OPDC in 2025².

² Reporting Period is 01 April 2025 – 31 December 2025