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Public Interest Disclosure Act: Annual report about disclosures for BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner

The Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA), B.C.'s new whistleblower protection law, came into force on Dec. 1, 2019.

One of the requirements is that "Each year, a chief executive, or a delegate of the chief executive, must prepare a report on all disclosures of wrongdoing that have been made in that year in respect of the ministry, government body or office for which the chief executive is responsible, including disclosures made to the Ombudsperson, if a designated officer of the relevant ministry, government body or office has been notified about the disclosures or investigations."

In accordance with the following sections of PIDA, for the reporting period of Dec. 1, 2019 to Mar. 31, 2020, the following information is reported:

Section 38 (1)	
Disclosures of wrongdoing in respect of BC's Office of the Human Rights Commissioner	0
Section 38 (2)	
(a) the number of disclosures received, including referrals of disclosures, and the number acted on and not acted on	0
(b) the number of investigations commenced as a result of a disclosure	0
(c) in the case of an investigation that results in a finding of wrongdoing	0
(i) a description of the wrongdoing	
(ii) any recommendations, including those made by the Ombudsperson, and	
(iii) any corrective action taken in relation to the wrongdoing or the reasons why no corrective action was taken;	
(d) any other information prescribed by regulation	0

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