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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000330-2022 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 1st September, 2022 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. I further refer to the clarification of Parts 2 & 3 of your request received on 2nd September, 2022 accordingly your request has been amended and will commence from this date.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency *"insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters"*. Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request sought:

Original request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the following please:

- *a breakdown on the spend on tyres for all garda vehicles from 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 to date.*
- *Any correspondence in regard to the use of dedicated tyre companies to change tyres on garda vehicles 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date.*
- *correspondence on the nature of this or multiple contracts in regard to their operators changing tyres on garda cars.*

Clarification of Parts 2&3:

The documents I'm looking for are around the procurement and employment of tyre companies on contract basis by An Garda Síochána and any of the practice and procedures agreed for their use by gardaí.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 8th September 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you and a number of records have been identified.

Part 1 of your request sought a "breakdown on the spend on tyres for all garda vehicles from 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 to date". I can advise that as at 5th September 2022 the spend on tyres was €1,101,327. I am refusing to provide the records for the years 2019 to 2021 on administrative grounds in accordance with section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act as the information is already in the public domain.

Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—
(d) the information is already in the public domain,

The expenditure on tyres for the years 2019 to 2021 by An Garda Síochána is provided by the Finance Directorate and is published and is available by following the link below on the Garda website:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/our-departments/finance-services/finance-fleet-management.html>

In addition I am refusing parts 2 and 3 of your request as the records sought do not exist. I am doing so pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act wherein

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests:

15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where
(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,

The contract in relation to tyre supply for official vehicles for An Garda Síochána comes under the Office of Government Procurement Framework. Therefore no contract exists between AGS and the supplier.

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review of the matter by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-000330-2022**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Accountant, Garda Finance Directorate, Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

Account Name: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000330-2022 is included in the payment details.

You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

Please be advised that An Garda Síochána replies under Freedom of Information may be released in to the public domain via our website at www.garda.ie

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

9th **SEPTEMBER, 2022.**