

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000093-2020 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 20th February, 2020 and received on 21st February, 2020 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

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:

- 1. The amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing fuel for its fleet of vehicles in the years of 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*
- 2. The name of the company that was awarded the contract to supply fuel to the Garda fleet, when the current contract is next due for renewal*
- 3. If the current contract includes the Garda fleet has access to the use of car washing facilities or just the supply of fuel to the vehicles*

In this regard, I have decided to part-grant your request on the 10th March 2019.

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 where a number of records were identified in respect of same.

The first part of your request is seeking the “*The amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing fuel for its fleet of vehicles in the years of 2018, 2019 and to-date in 2020 in tabular form*”.

I wish to advise you that I am refusing Part 1 of your request for the years 2018 and 2019 in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act which 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*

Following consultation with the Finance Directorate, I can advise that the cost of fuel is published on the Garda website twice yearly. The cost of fuel is published on the website up to the end of 2019 and may be accessed by following the link below.

<https://www.garda.ie/en/Information-Centre/Freedom-of-Information/Publication-Scheme/Budgets-and-spending/Purchase-of-vehicles.html>

With regard to the amount spent on purchasing fuel for the AGS fleet of vehicles to-date in 2020 the figures have not yet been compiled. Therefore as the record does not exist I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act which 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
(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

Part 2 of your request is seeking “*The name of the company that was awarded the contract to supply fuel to the Garda fleet, when the current contract is next due for renewal*”. The current supplier is Maxol Ltd and the contract expires on 18 December 2020. This office has been advised that any decision in relation to the running of a new competition is a matter for the Office of Government Procurement (OGP). The contract was advertised by the OGP and it is a direct drawdown. An Garda Síochána is in Lot 1 along with other State agencies. In order to assist you please find attached OGP information note. The contract is a direct drawdown, i.e. there was no need for a mini competition under the framework.

In regards to Part 3 of your request where you sought “*If the current contract includes the Garda fleet has access to the use of car washing facilities or just the supply of fuel to the vehicles*” An Garda Síochána has access to the use of car washing facilities.

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-000093-2020**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

Account Number: 10026896

Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-00093-2020) 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 wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

10th MARCH, 2020.