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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000341-2022 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on **16th September, 2022** 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:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following information to cover the year 2021 and thus far in 2022 (image attached below):

- 1. The top 15 monetary sanctions imposed on Gardai to be found in breach of Garda discipline in 2020 and the nature of the breach of discipline in each case.*
- 2. The number of Gardai to be suspended from duty in 2020 and the reason for the suspension in each case.*
- 3. The number of Gardai to be found to be in breach of Garda discipline in 2020 and the total amount imposed in fines last year.*
- 4. The number of Gardai to be dismissed from the force this year and the reason in each case.*

In e-mail correspondence with this Office on 6th October 2022 you confirmed that all parts of your request referred to 2021 and 2022 only.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 11th October, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested.

The 2021 figures outlined in your request was subject to a previous request, FOI – 000006-2022. In this regard, and in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act I wish to advise you that I am refusing to release these parts of your request as it is the practice of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal requests including decision letters and records on the decision log. You may access the aforementioned FOI request by following the link below;

<https://garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/decision-letter-foi-000006-2022-monetary-sanctions-suspension-dismissal-and-discipline.pdf>

Section 15(1)(d) states that:

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 table below details the top 15 monetary sanctions imposed on Gardai to be found in breach of Garda discipline in 2022 and the nature of the breach of discipline in each case as requested by you in Part 1 of your request.

2022		
No.	Nature of Breach	Sanction
1	Neglect of Duty	4 Weeks Pay
2	Discreditable Conduct	3 Weeks Pay
3	Discreditable Conduct	3 Weeks Pay
4	Discreditable Conduct	2 Weeks Pay
5	Discreditable Conduct	€1,000
6	Discreditable Conduct	€1,000
7	Discreditable Conduct	€600
8	Neglect of Duty	€500
9	Neglect of Duty	€500
10	Neglect of Duty	€400
11	Neglect of Duty	€400
12	Neglect of Duty	€350
13	Neglect of Duty	€350
14	Neglect of Duty	€350
15	Discreditable Conduct	€300

In cases where the sanction is referred to in weeks/days of pay, this was the finding of the board of inquiry/appeal board as recorded at Internal Affairs. Discipline section does not have access to the member's financial records.

The table below outlines the number of Gardaí suspended from duty in 2022 and the reason for suspension as per part 2 of your request.

2022	
Reason for Suspension	No
Assault	4
Improper Association	1
Domestic Violence	6
Driving under the influence	3
Sexual Misconduct	6
Theft	2
Fraud/Extortion	2
Inappropriate contact	1
Disclosing Information	1
Discreditable Conduct	2
Inappropriate use of IT systems	1
Falsification of statement	2
Drugs	1
Road Traffic Offences	1
Members Suspended to date	33

In response to part 3 of your request, there were 55 members found in breach of Garda discipline resulting in a total of €9,570 received in fines.

Part 4 of your request sought the number of Gardaí dismissed from the force in 2022 and the reason for dismissal. I can advise that there was one Garda member was dismissed in 2022 for non-attendance.

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-000341-2022**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account
Account Number: 30000302
Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302
BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000341-2022) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

11th OCTOBER, 2022.