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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000241-2020 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 16th July 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:

Materials showing:

- *The monetary amount on all paid fixed charge notices in the Cork City, Cork North and Cork West Garda Divisions in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, broken down by the offence group (if possible).*
- *The annual, full year total for fines revenue from penalty point offences for 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020 in the Cork City, Cork North and Cork West Garda Divisions.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 12th August, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

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or finance or procurement matters". Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered. The Act excludes the core functions of An Garda Síochána, that is, operational policing matters, as opposed to matters relating to human resources, finance or procurement.

Details of your request were provided to the relevant Section of An Garda Síochána who have provided records to this office in response to your request. Currently FCPS caters for 614 FCN offences, which are grouped into 40 groups for internal administration purposes.

The amounts of fines paid in respect of Fixed Charge Notices in 2018 and 2019 where the subject of a previous FOI request (FOI-000195-2020). As it is the policy of An Garda Síochána to publish all decision letters that lead to a release of records, I am refusing this aspect of your request on the basis of Section 15(1)(d) which states:

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

You can access request FOI-000195-2020 by following the link below.

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/freedom-of-information-office/freedom-of-information-foi-decision-logs-2020.html>

The number and amount of fines paid for these offences in 2020 are provided to you in Appendix A attached. The figures were extracted based on the date the payments were processed by An Post. Therefore, some payments may relate to offences that occurred in the later stages of the previous year.

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-000241-2020**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DR90

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-000241-2020) 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 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

12th AUGUST 2020



Cork City Division

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Selected Period: Between 01 January 2020 and 31 July 2020

About This Report: Payments Received

Division	Cork City	Divisional Count	5960	€ 455165
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Offence Group Description	Offence Count	Amount €
Speeding Offences	2778	235800
Fail to display a valid tax/insurance disc	594	41940
Use a mobile phone whilst driving	578	39150
Failing to obey parking signs and road markings	534	23060
Parking/entering a bus lane, bus contraflow, at a bus stop or taxi rank	246	13290
Seat belt	174	11790
Fail to stop at traffic lights (red & amber)	164	14120
Learner/Novice Driver Offences	156	12550
Park in a manner or location that causes a danger or obstruction	115	5140
Driving a vehicle without reasonable consideration	100	8760
Parking or stopping in a clearway or disabled space	94	15210
Use a vehicle without NCT Test Certificate	84	5940
Public Order offences	58	6970
Drive/Park/stop in tram only street or cycle track	56	2460
Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	46	2435
Use a vehicle with defective/dangerous tyres	45	4160
Fail to observe traffic signs & road markings	33	2300
Dangerous or endangering overtaking	15	1680
Parking/stopping in a loading bay or school entrance	15	840
Drink driving fixed penalty	14	3400
Pedal Cycle Offences	13	640
Crossing centre lines on a road way causing danger	11	1040
Use a vehicle/trailer without the required lighting	8	540
Park within 5 metres of a road junction, traffic lights or pedestrian crossing	7	300
Motorway Offences	6	600
Drive on or across a footway, cycle track or continuous white line	4	240
Drive or park in a pedestrian area or street	4	200
Failure to obey mandatory signs, weight restrictions and reversing offences	3	210
Park/obstruct a entrance or exit to a Fire Station, Garda Station or Ambulance	2	80
Failure to obey with an Instruction given by a Garda/School Warden	1	120
Park within 15 metres of a road junction, traffic lights or pedestrian crossing	1	40
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	1	160



RFCN Payments Recv Divisional (RPT_FCPS_000) - Cork North Division

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Selected Period: Between 01 January 2020 and 31 July 2020

About This Report: Payments Received

Division	Cork North	Divisional Count	4830	€ 383450
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Offence Group Description	Offence Count	Amount €
Speeding Offences	2536	220360
Fail to display a valid tax/insurance disc	696	49230
Use a mobile phone whilst driving	528	35460
Seat belt	186	12690
Failing to obey parking signs and road markings	149	6600
Learner/Novice Driver Offences	148	13070
Parking/entering a bus lane, bus contraflow, at a bus stop or taxi rank	93	4220
Use a vehicle without NCT Test Certificate	79	5430
Driving a vehicle without reasonable consideration	62	5160
Parking/stopping in a loading bay or school entrance	56	2480
Public Order offences	52	5920
Use a vehicle with defective/dangerous tyres	43	3720
Park in a manner or location that causes a danger or obstruction	39	1780
Use a vehicle/trailer without the required lighting	27	1890
Parking or stopping in a clearway or disabled space	26	3680
Fail to stop at traffic lights (red & amber)	21	1920
Dangerous or endangering overtaking	16	1400
Crossing centre lines on a road way causing danger	16	1280
Drink driving fixed penalty	16	4200
Fail to observe traffic signs & road markings	9	820
Motorway Offences	9	460
Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	8	530
Park within 5 metres of a road junction, traffic lights or pedestrian crossing	4	160
Failure to obey with an instruction given by a Garda/School Warden	2	200
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	2	160
Drive on or across a footway, cycle track or continuous white line	2	150
Pedal Cycle Offences	2	80
Failure to obey mandatory signs, weight restrictions and reversing offences	1	60
Park within 15 metres of a road junction, traffic lights or pedestrian crossing	1	40
Exceed vehicle weight	1	300



RPT Payments Recv Divisional (RPT_RCP3_000) - Cork West Division

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Selected Period: Between 01 January 2020 and 31 July 2020

About This Report: Payments Received

Division	Cork West	Divisional Count	2801	€ 231060
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Offence Group Description	Offence Count	Amount €
Speeding Offences	1678	146200
Fall to display a valid tax/insurance disc	350	24330
Use a mobile phone whilst driving	242	16110
Seat belt	89	5730
Learner/Novice Driver Offences	89	7550
Driving a vehicle without reasonable consideration	76	6440
Use a vehicle without NCT Test Certificate	49	4110
Failing to obey parking signs and road markings	41	1900
Park in a manner or location that causes a danger or obstruction	26	1080
Crossing centre lines on a road way causing danger	24	2040
Public Order offences	19	2070
Parking or stopping in a clearway or disabled space	18	3300
Use a vehicle with defective/dangerous tyres	18	1760
Use a vehicle/trailer without the required lighting	15	990
Park within 5 metres of a road junction, traffic lights or pedestrian crossing	15	620
Drink driving fixed penalty	13	3600
Fail to observe traffic signs & road markings	11	860
Fail to stop at traffic lights (red & amber)	6	480
Dangerous or endangering overtaking	5	400
Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	4	310
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	3	280
Failure to obey with an instruction given by a Garda/School Warden	2	240
Pedal Cycle Offences	2	80
Parking/entering a bus lane, bus contraflow, at a bus stop or taxi rank	2	80
Exceed vehicle weight	2	400
Drive on or across a footway, cycle track or continuous white line	1	60
Drive or park in a pedestrian area or street	1	40