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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000309-2022 Request Part – Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 12th August, 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:

Original Request:

I wish to request copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or for An Garda Síochána to date since 1st January 2022.

Refined Request:

A copy of the Audit for Policy Development

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 30th August, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request, a search was conducted in Garda Internal Audit Section (GIAS) where records have been identified in this regard.

Your original request stated "I wish to request copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or for An Garda Síochána to date since 1st January 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 part of your request as five out of the six audits completed in 2022 were the subject of a previous Freedom of Information request (FOI-000131-2022). 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://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/internal-audit/internal-audit-general-decision-logs-2022.html>

Therefore, I am refusing the release of these audits in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Act which 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.

In relation to your refined request for “*A copy of the Audit for Policy Development*”, I wish to advise you that this part of your request has been part-granted. I have included the audit on Policy Development herewith. These records that have been redacted in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. I have attached a schedule which details the redactions applied.

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HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g. sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

Records, or part thereof, which relate to matters other than finance, procurement or human resource matters are excluded from release.

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-000309-2022**.

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-000309-2022) 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

30 AUGUST, 2022.