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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000183-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to this body, dated 10th May 2016 and received on 11th May 2016.

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:

The amount spent on garden maintenance services and ancillary services by An Garda Síochána in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. Please provide breakdown of figures by garda division/districts/county.

I wish to inform you that I have made a final decision to partially grant your request on today's date.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

I am refusing your request under section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act on the basis that the information is already in the public domain. This information is available on the Garda Síochána Freedom of Information Decision Log (FOI-000131-2015) on the Garda Website at the following URL:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15037&Lang=1>

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,

In the Decision Log An Garda Síochána publishes a list of all responses issued to Freedom of Information Requests (excluding requests for personal information) from the commencement date of 14th of October 2015. I wish to draw your attention to Decision FOI-000131-2015 which is applicable to your request.

However, I wish to provide you with updated information since the publication of FOI-000131-2015. The following table outlines Landscaping and Ancillary costs by Garda Division from 1st January 2012- 30th April 2016.

Garda Division	Total
Cavan/Monaghan	39,263
Clare	15,552
Cork City	56,798
Cork North	62,218
Cork West	25,511
DMR East	1,164
DMR North	4,355
DMR North Central	2,940
DMR South	167
DMR South Central	11,525
DMR West	3,191
Donegal	44,354
Galway	34,011
Kerry	58,964
Kildare	25,332
Kilkenny/Carlow	65,677
Laois/Offaly	38,098
Limerick	3,656
Louth	29,336
Mayo	21,712
Meath	2,183
Roscommon/Longford	46,226
Sligo/Leitrim	50,618
Tipperary	2,254
Waterford	61,953
Westmeath	32,804
Wexford	22,984
Wicklow	25,653

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 **F01-000183-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
An Garda Síochána,
Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown,
Navan,
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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: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number 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,

 SUPERINTENDENT
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

 **30 May 2016**