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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000289-2016 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to the your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) dated and received on the 28th July 2016 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:

Credit card expenses for senior officers in each of the past five years.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 24th August 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions

There are currently four credit cards assigned to individual members of the Garda Organisation: the Garda Commissioner, the two Deputy Commissioners and the Chief Administrative Officer.

The Finance Section was requested to locate records relevant to your request and they have provided the information on Table A.

Expenses incurred mainly relate to costs associated with domestic and foreign travel, training expenses, purchase of publications and official engagements.

An annual fee of €200 is levied for an Executive Visa Corporate Card and is paid, as an annual Standing Charge, on the credit card. All bills are paid on time, in full.

The information provided is based on the billing period from 1st January to 31st December of each year, and for the billing period 1st January, 2016 – 30th June, 2016 for 2016.

Table A

	Rank/Grade	Total
2016 (June)	Commissioner	€ 2,771.03
	Deputy Commissioner Operations	€ 200.00
	Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management	€ 635.76
	Chief Administrative Officer	€ 15.50
2015	Commissioner	€ 7,565.72
	Deputy Commissioner Operations	€ 0
	Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management	€ 0
	Chief Administrative Officer	€ 568.35
2014	Commissioner	-€ 91.64*
	Deputy Commissioner Operations	€ 3,629.67
	Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management	€ 0
	Chief Administrative Officer	€ 309.30
2013	Commissioner	€ 1,724.58
	Deputy Commissioner Operations	€ 260.60
	Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management	€ 170.17
	Chief Administrative Officer	€ 267.50
2012	Commissioner	€ 2,128.31
	Deputy Commissioner Operations	€ 3,291.85
	Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management	€ 1,830.00
	Chief Administrative Officer	-€ 135.57*
2011	Commissioner	€ 2,519.38
	Deputy Commissioner Operations	€ 1,786.81
	Deputy Commissioner Strategy & Change Management	€ 1,635.95
	Chief Administrative Officer	€ 271.15

**the annual fee of €200 for an Executive Visa Corporate Card is shown as partially refunded in 2012 and 2014 as the credit cards were cancelled prior to the end of the billing period.*

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-000289-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
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Johnstown,
Navan,
Co. Meath

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: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000289-2016) 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

25th.
AUGUST, 2016