

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000082-2016 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 and received on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Your request is shown below:-

*"Details of payments made by An Garda Síochána to TV contractors/companies (EG - Sky) in 2015 and 2014".*

I wish to inform you that your request has been **granted**.

The use of media in all forms inclusive of printed, online, social and visual is an important part of the Garda Organisations overall strategy to keep abreast of current and developing crime and public interest related stories as provided through these media sources. The use of television service providers such as Sky, UPC and Virgin are part of that strategy and contribute to the Organisations ability to connect with issues of public interest both in the State and abroad.

The fees, as set out below, were paid to SKY and UPC/Virgin Media for years 2014 and 2015 and are in respect of the Divisions, Districts and specialist sections within Garda Headquarters and Harcourt Square. There are also a number of Regional and Operational Divisional Offices that have access to the facility.

Details of payments are shown below:

	2014	2015
	(€)	(€)
SKY BUSINESS	3,363	3,110
UPC COMMUNICATIONS IRL LTD	28,211	21,366
VIRGIN MEDIA IRELAND LTD	-	5,273
	<b>31,574</b>	<b>29,749</b>

### 1. 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 **F01-000082-2016**.

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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:** BOFIIIE2D

**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](http://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**

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2016**