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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000189-2016 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:

'Overall costs of operating the garda national drugs unit in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007.'

I have now 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-000165-2015) 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. However, I wish to provide you with updated information since the publication of FOI-000165-2015.

The following table outlines the overall expenditure associated with operating the Garda National Drugs Unit/Garda Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau from the 1st January 2015 to 30th April 2016 inclusive:

	2015*	2016 (1 st January-30 th April)
Garda National Drugs Unit	€4,228,446	N/A
Garda Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau*	€4,095,129	€3,388,908

*Please note the Garda National Drugs Unit and the Organised Crime Unit were amalgamated in 2015 to form the Garda Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau.

Figures for 2007 as requested are not provided. Any records created prior to 21st April 2008 are excluded from the provisions of the FOI Act, insofar as An Garda Síochána is concerned, as per section 2 under “*effective date*”. The interpretation of “*effective date*” is shown below.

(a) in the case of an entity that immediately prior to enactment of this Act, was not a public body within the meaning of the Act of 1997, but is a public body within the meaning of this Act, 21 April 2008, unless provision is made to the contrary by order under section 6;

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 **F01-000189-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
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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

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

 **May 2016**