

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000148-2016 Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 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 is shown below:

*I was wondering if you could supply me with the following information Act 2014*

*1) The number of additional marked and unmarked Garda Cars, marked and unmarked Garda vans, marked and unmarked motorcycles that were allocated to each Garda District in Dublin Region in 2015 and to-date in 2016. To assist you in what I mean eg In 2015 Garda A District received 3 additional marked Garda cars and 1 additional Marked Garda Van etc*

*2) The number of marked and unmarked Garda cars, marked and unmarked Garda vans and marked and unmarked Garda Motorcycles that were withdrawn from each Garda District in the Dublin Region in 2015 and to-date in 2016*

*3) If all the new Garda vehicles that were purchased in 2015 have been delivered to Garda Districts nationwide; if not when will the remaining vehicles that were purchased in 2015 be delivered*

4) *The amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing new Garda Mountain Bikes in 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016*

5) *The Garda District in the Dublin Region that received new Mountain Bikes in the years 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016*”

I have now made a final decision to partially grant your request on today’s date.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for my decision

### Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act – Out of Scope

As previously stated An Garda Síochána is a partially included agency for the purposes of the FOI Act and only requests that seek administrative records relating to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered. Parts 1, 2, 3, and 5, of your request do not relate to administrative records for human resources, finance or procurement and are therefore deemed out of the scope of the FOI Act insofar as An Garda Síochána is concerned.

I am of the opinion that parts 1, 2, 3, and 5 relate to operational matters as the allocation of vehicles and bicycles is based on operational requirements and these records do not fall within the scope of the FOI Act insofar as An Garda Síochána is concerned. However, I advise that details of the Garda fleet are available on the Garda Website at <http://garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15985> .

Part 4 of your request refers to the amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing new Garda Mountain Bikes in 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016. This part of your request is granted.

A tender process was commenced in September, 2015 for the supply, delivery and maintenance of mountain bikes for use by An Garda Síochána. Details of the tender were published on [www.etenders.ie](http://www.etenders.ie) . The tender process was completed successfully in October 2015 with a contract being awarded.

The value of the tender, for the provision of 50 mountain bikes, is €47,750 and is valid for a period of 12 months, which is extendable to a maximum of 36 months.

The total amount expended in 2015 on mountain bikes was €108,240.

There was no expenditure on mountain bikes in 2014 or to date in 2016, (25<sup>th</sup> April) and the terms of contract completed in 2015 remain valid until October, 2016, at least.

Further background information on the Mountain Bike Unit can be sourced from the Garda Press and Public Relations Office and/or the Garda web site at [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie) .

## 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 **F01-000148-2016**.

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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:** 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](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**

 **MAY 2016**