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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000074-2016 Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána, dated and received on the 23rd February 2016.

Part 1 (n) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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:

The number of instances where Garda vehicles were damaged and had to be replaced in 2014 and 2015.

- The total cost of these replacements and a breakdown where possible

I have now made a final decision to **grant** your request.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

The Garda Transport Section manages a fleet of approximately 2,600 vehicles distributed throughout Garda Divisions and specialist units. The fleet consists of marked and unmarked patrol cars, motorbikes for high visibility roads policing and vans for public order policing.

Garda vehicles cover a significant amount of kilometres per annum and are involved in a wide range of policing activities such as patrols, monitoring traffic, escort duties and community based activities.

In 2014, 21 vehicles were deemed beyond repair following collisions, as were 31 vehicles in 2015. I advise that in such cases vehicles are not normally replaced directly as all new vehicles are purchased from the available budget in any year and are allocated on a prioritised basis.

It is the responsibility of each Divisional Officer to allocate Garda vehicles efficiently within their Division as operational demands dictate.

Further information on the Garda Fleet and associated costs are available in the Finance section of FOI Publication Scheme on Garda website (<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15985>).

Rights 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-000074-2016**.

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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: IE86BOFI90001710026896
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

9th March, 2016