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Mr Robin Schiller

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000006-2017

Dear Mr Schiller,

I refer to your request, dated 11th January and received on 12th January 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

-The amount of money An Garda Síochána has spent for on the outsourcing of safety (GoSafe) cameras in the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

These records should be broken down by year and by Garda Region, and should detail the total cost per annum An Garda Síochána has paid for the outsourcing of safety (GoSafe) cameras.

I have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 7th February, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. An explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied:
2. A statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

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1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The records you are requesting are not recorded on a Regional Level but rather by a central cost centre. Therefore it is not possible to identify the amount of money spent in outsourcing of safety (GoSafe) cameras on a Regional Level. In this regard I am applying Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act 2014 is as follows:

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—

(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,

I am refusing your request under section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

I am in a position however to supply you with a table that shows the overall costs of (GoSafe) cameras from 2010 to 2016. Please see table below;

Payments to Go Safe	2010	2011	2012	2013
	€228,494	€15,842,378	€15,613,641	€17,036,733

Payments to Go Safe	2014	2015	2016	Grand Total
	€17,226,130	€17,278,953	€14,156,144	€97,382,472

The primary purpose of speed cameras is to reduce speed related collisions and save lives. An Garda Síochána has contracted a Service Provider 'GoSafe' to operate safety cameras.

Speed Cameras only operate on sections of road which have a history of collisions occurring where speed was a contributory factor. The areas where the cameras are operating are available on the Garda website.

GoSafe commenced operation on in November 2010 and reached full operational capacity in March 2011. Following a tender competition GoSafe were awarded a further contract in July 2016 for a period of 5 years. GoSafe are contracted to provide a minimum of 7,400 hours of monitoring and 100 survey hours per month. The safety camera network was expanded in 2016 to a now total of 1,031 sites. All locations and additional information is displayed on the Garda website.

In 2014 Mr Derek Rafferty published a dissertation on the cost benefit analysis on safety cameras titled "*Life Savers not Revenue Raisers- Safety Cameras in Ireland: A Cost benefit analysis*". This can be found on the RSA website via the following link: <http://www.rsa.ie/Documents/Road%20Safety/Crash%20Stats/Safety%20Cameras%20IN%20Ireland.ie>

1. 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-000006-2017**.

Freedom of Information Office,
An Garda Síochána,
Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown,
Navan,
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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 (FOI-000006-2016) 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 will be removed to protect confidentiality where applicable.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

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 **FEBRUARY 2017.**

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