

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000191-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and to your submission to this body, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and received on 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

*'The amount paid for public attitudes survey commissioned by An Garda Síochána in 2014, 2015, 2016 (include those that tenders were sought).'*

I wish to inform you that I have made a final decision on today's date to partially grant your request.

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 on the Garda Website at the following URL:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15037&Lang=1>

The objective for An Garda Síochána in undertaking this procurement exercise was to procure the services of a company that would provide a top quality survey of public attitudes relating to satisfaction, victimisation, views on crime, and views on Garda service and how it can be improved. The Public Attitudes Survey was procured following a public tender competition that received a high number of responses from both Ireland and the UK. It involves interviewing 1,500 people per quarter on key areas of the organisation. It provides An Garda Síochána with high quality information that has been used to help the organisation to enhance the service it provides to the public.

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 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2015. I wish to draw your attention to Decision **FOI-000131-2015** which is applicable to your request.

### **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,*

However, I wish to provide you with updated information since the publication of FOI-000131-2015.

Please see table below which outlines the expenditure in relation to the Garda Síochána Public Attitudes Survey from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

<b>2015</b>	€72,924
<b>2016</b>	€21,877

## **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 **F01-000191-2016**.

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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**

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016