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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000078-2016 Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submissions to An Garda Síochána dated 24 dated and received on 24th 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:

- 1. How much income was generated from fines relating to parking in disabled parking bays in county Mayo in the years 2013,2014, and 2015?*
- 2. Where was the income generated from fines for parking in disabled parking bays in county Mayo in 2013,2014, and 2015 spent?*

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent wish to inform you that your request is **granted**.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

A search was conducted in our Finance Directorate who have provided information in respect of your request.

Part 1 of your request sought 'How much income was generated from fines relating to parking in disabled parking bays in county Mayo in the years 2013, 2014 and 2015?'

The figures provided below relate to incidents available on the Fixed Charged Processing System on 2nd March 2016.

Year	Fee payable €	Incidents
2013	3,480	42
2014	3,240	39
2015	1,600	19

It should be noted that the 2015 figures may not be complete due to time delays in receiving and processing notices from members. Equally not all offences from November/December 2015 will have reached the 'due by payment' date. Those not paid, go to summonses and are a matter for the Courts Service thereafter.

The 'fees payable' figures provided above relates to the total level of fees that would be received if the fines were paid in full.

Please also be advised that Traffic Wardens employed by local County/Town Councils have the power to issue Fixed Charge Notices in respect of parking offences which are not related in any way to the Garda Síochána Fixed Charged Processing System.

Part 2 of your request sought 'where was the income generated from fines for parking in disabled parking bays in county Mayo in 2013, 2014, and 2015 spent?'

Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 states that:

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 to inform you that there are no records available in this regard. However, I can advise you that on receipt of the fees generated from the Fixed Charged Processing System, they are allocated as follows:

- Returned to the Exchequer as 'Extra Exchequer Receipts'
- Allocated as 'Appropriations-in-Aid' in the Appropriation Accounts of Vote 20 – An Garda Síochána

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 **F01-000078-2016**.

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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.

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.

16th March 2016