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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000062-2016 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 12th February 2016 and received on the 15th 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:

"I respectfully request a sum total and breakdown by quarter and year of records held by your human resources department of the cost of the resources and manpower that have been channelled into fighting the Dublin criminal gangs specifically since Jan 1st 2010 to date."

I wish to inform you that your request has been refused.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The Financial Management System within An Garda Síochána was queried to identify if the records could be extracted to provide an answer to your request. It has been determined that these specific financial records do not exist.

Members of An Garda Síochána are typically rostered for multiple duties and criminal investigations. The cost of manpower associated with these duties are not analysed nor captured

separately on the Financial Management System. A unique project code does not exist in respect of operational duties associated with same. In the absence of such a project code it is not possible to identify the costs.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the records requested in relation to your request. As the records concerned do not exist I must therefore refuse your request on this basis.

Section 15 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014: Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

“Section 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,”

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 **F01-000062-2016**.

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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

26th February 2016