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Mr. John Mooney,

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000033-2017 Refusal

Dear Mr. Mooney,

I refer to your request received on 30th January 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) 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. Records that relate to the functions and management of the organisation are restricted.

Your request sought:

‘I am conducting research into the Garda Training College in Templemore, Co Tipperary. Could you provide information on a refurbishment of visiting quarters/bathrooms for visiting officers in and around 2008 by the former commissioner Fachtna Murphy. I wish to obtain the specifics of the refurbishment and the costs involved’

I wish to inform you that I have decided 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.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, the Finance Directorate and the Garda College were contacted in order to identify the records sought by you.

Following an extensive search in the Finance Directorate and at the Garda College I am to advise you that no records have been identified in relation to the refurbishment of visiting quarters/bathrooms for visiting officers in and around 2008. Records were identified for similar type refurbishment works which took place during 2005 and 2006. However, I wish to advise you that under Part 1, Section 2 (Interpretation) of the Freedom of Information Act the effective date under subsection (c) is defined as:

"in the case of an entity that immediately to enactment of this Act, was not a public body within the meaning of the Act of 1997, but is a public body within the meaning of this Act, 21st April 2008, unless provision is made to the contrary by order under Section 6".

As An Garda Síochána was not an included body prior to commencement of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, only records from the 21st April 2008 may be provided.

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek an Internal Review by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **FOI-0000033-2017**.

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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 (FOI-0000033-2017) 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,

Helen Deely SUPERINTENDENT.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

8th FEBRUARY 2017