

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000161-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to this body, dated and received on 26th April 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 sought:

- 1) *Copies of the results of all public attitude surveys conducted on behalf of an Garda Síochána in 2015 and 2016 to date.*
- 2) *The amount spent by An Garda Síochána on public attitude surveys in 2015 and 2016 to date, and the company or companies who received the payments.*

I wish to inform you that your request has been partially granted on today's date.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

I refer to the first part of your request in which you seek '*copies of the results of all public attitude surveys conducted on behalf of An Garda Síochána in 2015 and 2016 to date*'. I wish to inform you that 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.

The Public Attitudes Survey examines people's opinion on crime and policing related matters. In this respect, I am refusing this part of your request as it falls outside the scope of the Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

In relation to the second part of your request in which you seek *'the amount spent by An Garda Síochána on public attitude surveys in 2015 and 2016 to date, and the company or companies who received the payments.'*

The objective in undertaking the procurement exercise for the Garda Síochána Public Attitudes Survey 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.

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

Contract Holder:	1/1/2015-31/12/2015	1/1/2016-30/4/2016
O'Neill Amarach Consultants Ltd.	€72,924	€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 **F01-000161-2016**.

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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

 **May 2016**