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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000292-2016 Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 25th July 2016 and received on the 26th July 2016 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.

Your request sought:

Records relating to the cost of selecting, training and running the Garda Special Crime Task Force.

-This information should be broken down into cost of selection, training and operating the unit.

-‘Training’ refers to any firearm and driving training that new members will have to undertake between 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2016.

-‘Operating’ refers to firearms, vehicles, uniform, and housing that will be afforded to members of the Special Crime Task Force between 30 June 2016 and 31 December 2016.

I have decided to refuse your request on the 17th of August 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my 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.

The cost of selecting, training and operating the Special Crime Task Force are not analysed nor captured separately on the Financial Management System. A unique project code does not exist in respect of any selection, training or operational costs associated with the Special Crime Task Force. 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 FOI Act, 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 **F01-000292-2016**.

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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 (FOI-000292-2016) 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

17th **AUGUST 2016**