

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000260-2016 Refused

*Dear ,*

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. Your request sought:

*3) I would like to know how many new vehicles were assigned to each of the three Cork Garda Divisions last year and so far this year. I would also like to know how many new vehicles are due to come on stream in the three Cork Garda Divisions by the end of this year.*

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.

I have decided to refuse your request on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision**

I am refusing your request pursuant to Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána. Your request does not relate to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement.

It is the responsibility of the Assistant Commissioner of each Region to allocate new vehicles to a particular Garda Division and this allocation is based on operational requirements. Your request is therefore in relation to an operational policing matter which is a core function of An Garda Síochána. Records relating to the core functions of An Garda Síochána are excluded from the ambit of the FOI Act.

However, it is envisaged that such information will be published on the Garda website in the coming months. At present, information in relation to the profile of the Garda Fleet is available on the Garda website at the following URL:

<http://garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15985&Lang=1>

## **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 **F01-000260-2016**.

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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](http://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  
LOUISE SYNNOTT  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016 .