

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000111-2016

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 18th March 2016 and received on 18th March 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 matter*”. Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Documents which describe the Financial Management System in An Garda Síochána. Please state each subhead and please provide details as to what each subhead relates to. Please also provide an FOI log of all FOI requests submitted since the FOI Act was made applicable to the force. Please provide the actual request submitted and not a brief of the request.

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent wish to inform you that your request has been part-granted.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The first part of your request is seeking ‘*documents which describe the Financial Management System in An Garda Síochána. Please state each subhead and please provide details as to what each subhead relates to*’.

The Financial Management System in An Garda Síochána is provided by Oracle.

Please see attached spreadsheet which provides the current list of subheads on the Financial Management system. In addition to this, there is a brief explanation of the types of expenditure incurred under specific subheads where this is not self explanatory.

The second part of your request sought 'an FOI log of all FOI requests submitted since the FOI Act was made applicable to the force. Please provide the actual request submitted and not a brief of the request'.

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

I wish to advise that I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) wherein it states:

*A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –
(d) the information is already in the public domain.*

The information you have sought is already available on the Freedom of Information page on the Garda website and it may be accessed clicking on the Decision Log or by following the attached link: <http://garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15037&Lang=1>. The Decision Log contains a list of all the responses to Freedom of Information Requests (excluding requests for personal information) from the commencement date 14th October 2015. It is divided into the three areas An Garda Síochána provide data for under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 and also requests handled directly by the Freedom of Information Office.

2. Rights 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 **F01-000111-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
An Garda Síochána,
Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown,
Navan,
Co. Meath
C15 DR90

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: BOFIIIE2D

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



Helen Deely
Freedom of Information Officer **SUPERINTENDENT**

13th April 2016

An Garda Síochána - Subhead Item Codes - 2016

Subhead	Description
<u>A.1 (i) - Salaries, Wages and Allowances</u>	
Salaries	
Overtime	
<u>A.2 (ii) - Travel and Subsistence</u>	
(i) Home Travel & Subsistence	
(ii) Foreign Travel & Subsistence	
<u>A.2 (iii) - Training and Development and Incidental Expenses</u>	
1 - Entertainment	
2 - RTA Expenses	Road Traffic Act
3 - Training	
4 - Miscellaneous	
5 - Expenses of Persons Detained	
6 - Purchase of Publications	
7 - Contributions to Organisations	
8 - International Commitments	
<u>A.2 (iv) - Postal and Telecommunications Services</u>	
1 - Postal Services	
2 - Telecommunications	Landlines, Mobiles, Tetra-subscriptions
3 - Miscellaneous	
<u>A.2 (v) - Office Equipment and External IT Services</u>	
	Hardware, Software, Licencing Fees, Maintenance contracts, Project Implementation costs
1 - Computers Capital	
2 (i) IT External Services Capital	
(ii) IT External Services Current	
3 - Photocopying etc	
4 - Other Office Machinery	
5 - Stationery	
<u>A.2 (vi) - Maintenance of Garda Premises</u>	
<u>A.2 (vii) - Consultancy Services and Value for Money and Policy Reviews</u>	
<u>A.2 (viii) - Station Services</u>	
1 - Furniture	
2 - Cleaning	
3 - Utility Charges	
4 - Medical Expenses	
<u>A.2 (ix) - Garda Reserve Force</u>	
<u>A.3 - Clothing and Accessories</u>	
<u>A.4 - St Pauls Medical Aid Society - Grant in Aid</u>	
<u>A.5 - Transport</u>	
1 - Maintenance/Running Expenses	
2 - Purchases Capital	
3 - Miscellaneous	
<u>A.6 - Communications and Other Equipment</u>	
1 - Communications - Capital	TETRA, Licences, Maintenance Contracts
2 - Communications - Other Current	TETRA, Licences, Maintenance Contracts
3 - Other Operational Equipment	
4 - CCTV - Urban	
5 - Road Traffic Equipment	
<u>A.7 - Aircraft</u>	

An Garda Siochana - Subhead Item Codes - 2016

Subhead	Description
A.8. - Superannuation	
A.9. - Witnesses Expenses	Court appearances etc
A.10. - Compensation	
1 - Acts	Garda Compensation Act
2 - Other	Civil Compensation Claims
A.11. - Witness Security Programme	
A.12. - Capital Building Programme	
1 Capital Building Programme - Divisional Headquarters	
2. Capital Refurbishment Programme	
B. - Appropriations in Aid	
1 - Widows & Spouses	Pensions
2 - Pension Deductions	
3 - Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous Receipts incl Non Public Duty charges
4 - Cash Escort Services	
5 - Firearms Fees	
6 - Speed Camera Generated Fines	
7 - Pension Levy	