

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000288-2016 Refused

*Dear ,*

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission for records held by An Garda Síochána dated and received on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 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:

*Any type of vehicle gifted to a retiring member of the force in the past ten years.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

I am refusing your request on administrative grounds under section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act as the record concerned does not exist.

## Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

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,*

After consultation with both the Finance and Transport Sections of An Garda Síochána it has been established that the record you have requested does not exist. It is not the policy of An Garda Síochána to gift vehicles to members of the force upon retirement.

In the past Garda vehicles were sold via public auction. In 2010, the then Deputy Commissioner instructed that all vehicles are operated to the durability limits as set out by the manufacturers which is 300,000km for most vehicles. Vans and certain executive cars have durability limits of 500,000km with motorcycles having limits of 120,000km. All vehicles are then scrapped via an Authorised Treatment Facilities (ATFs) in compliance with waste management regulations.

In recent years a number of former Ministerial vehicles and motorcycles were auctioned through Wilsons Auctions, a contracted auction agent. The Proceeds of both the sale of official vehicles and end of life vehicles are taken into Garda Vote as appropriations in Aid.

## 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 **FOI-000288-2016**.

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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-000288-2016) 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](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  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

15<sup>th</sup> **AUGUST 2016**