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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000432-2016 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 27th November, 2016 and received on the 29th November, 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 is shown below:

For details of paid fixed charge notices for road/motor offences in each of the following garda divisions- Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim - in

a) 2015 and

(b) 2016, along with a breakdown by offence group- for example, crossing centre lines on a roadway causing danger.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 16th December, 2016.

1. Findings and particulars.

On the 31st October 2002, the Fixed Charge Notice (FCN) process was introduced as a replacement of the old ‘on the spot’ fine system along with Penalty Points. The Fixed

Charge Processing System (FCPS) was developed by An Garda Síochána to enable computerised, automated processing of FCNs and to assist in the management of the penalty points system. The process applied to the then penalty point offences, certain parking and other offences under the Road Traffic Acts. One of the key objectives of the fixed charge notice system is to contribute to safer driving and reduced road traffic collision casualties.

Since 2002 the system has been expanded to include offences related to the main collision causation factors, such as seatbelt wearing, speeding and intoxicant related offences, as part of a number of road safety strategies. Since their introduction an increased level of compliance by road users has been recorded and thereby contributing to a reduction in road fatalities.

More recently fixed charges for defective tyres and pedal cycle offences have been included.

Since 2008 Public Order offences (Intoxication in a Public Place and Disorderly Conduct in a Public Place) can also be dealt with by FCN.

Currently FCPS caters for 614 FCN offences which are grouped into 40 groups for internal administration purposes.

The current legislation for the FCN process allows for the payment of the fixed charge within 28 days of issue of the notice. If payment is not made in this period, an increased charge may be paid within a further 28 day period. (*Payment of the fixed penalty in relation to drink driving offences is restricted to one period of 28 days at the original amount*).

These payments are collected on behalf of An Garda Síochána by An Post. The payments received are used to offset the costs of the outsourced speed cameras contracts. In the event that the income from FCNs exceeds the costs of the contracts the excess is returned to the Exchequer.

If payment of the FCN is not made within the allowable period, court proceedings are initiated by way of summons application. Any fines arising from the court proceedings are not received by An Garda Síochána.

The number and amount of fines paid by offence group for the Roscommon/Longford and Sligo/Leitrim divisions in the 2015 and 2016 (30th November) are provided to you in Appendix A and B attached.

The figures were extracted based on the date the payments were processed by An Post. Therefore some payments may relate to offences that occurred in the later stages of the previous year.

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 **FOI-000432-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,

An Garda Síochána,
Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown,
Navan,
Co. Meath
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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: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000432-2016) 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 will be removed to protect confidentiality where applicable.

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.

19th DECEMBER, 2016

APPENDIX A PAID FIXED CHARGE NOTICES FOR ROSCOMMON/LONGFORD AND SLIGO/LEITRIM IN 2015.

Division	Offence Group	Number	Amount
Roscommon/ Longford	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	15	€ 640.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	94	€ 7,840.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	16	€ 4,200.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	8	€ 510.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	88	€ 7,520.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	2	€ 200.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	1	€ 40.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	466	€ 29,730.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	9	€ 760.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	85	€ 3,620.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	81	€ 3,520.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	27	€ 1,100.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	7	€ 320.00
	Pedal Cycle Offences	1	€ 40.00
	Novice Driver Offences	91	€ 6,840.00
	Public Order Offences	25	€ 2,830.00
	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	50	€ 4,360.00
	Seat Belt Offences	321	€ 20,580.00
	Failure to obey or signal intent to comply with an instruction given by a Garda or School Warden	1	€ 90.00
	Speeding Offences	2,728	€ 231,280.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	358	€ 23,490.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	17	€ 1,390.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	15	€ 1,280.00
	Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	90	€ 5,970.00
	Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	39	€ 2,430.00
Exceed Vehicle Weights	10	€ 2,200.00	
Sligo/Leitrim	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	13	€ 540.00

Division	Offence Group	Number	Amount
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	11	€ 920.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	18	€ 4,600.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	3	€ 210.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	34	€ 2,800.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	3	€ 240.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	340	€ 22,200.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	10	€ 840.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	42	€ 1,780.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	21	€ 880.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	1	€ 40.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	8	€ 340.00
	Parking Within 15 Metres Before Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	6	€ 260.00
	Novice Driver Offences	30	€ 2,430.00
	Public Order Offences	189	€ 24,160.00
	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	31	€ 2,680.00
	Seat Belt Offences	62	€ 4,020.00
	Failure to obey or signal intent to comply with an instruction given by a Garda or School Warden	2	€ 140.00
	Speeding Offences	4,464	€ 376,080.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	291	€ 19,080.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	17	€ 1,060.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	27	€ 2,320.00
	Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	16	€ 1,050.00
	Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	5	€ 360.00

APPENDIX A PAID FIXED CHARGE NOTICES FOR ROSCOMMON/LONGFORD AND SLIGO/LEITRIM IN 2016 (30TH NOVEMBER).

Division	Offence Group	Number	Amount
Roscommon/ Longford Div	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	7	€ 300.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	50	€ 4,080.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	16	€ 4,400.00
	Drive On Or Across A Footway, Cycle Track Or Continuous White Line	8	€ 510.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	80	€ 6,720.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	4	€ 320.00
	Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles	3	€ 200.00
	Failure To Obey Mandatory Traffic Signs, Weight Restrictions And Reversing Offences	1	€ 60.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	408	€ 25,440.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	10	€ 800.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	49	€ 2,020.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	42	€ 1,760.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	12	€ 480.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	6	€ 260.00
	Parking Within 15 Metres Before Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	7	€ 300.00
	Novice Driver Offences	104	€ 7,960.00
	Public Order Offences	42	€ 4,500.00
	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	51	€ 4,200.00
	Seat Belt Offences	176	€ 11,310.00
	Failure to obey or signal intent to comply with an instruction given by a Garda or School Warden	1	€ 80.00
	Speeding Offences	3,416	€ 284,600.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	330	€ 21,540.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	10	€ 800.00
	Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	11	€ 880.00
	Use A Vehicle With Defective Or Dangerous Tyres	25	€ 2,080.00
	Using a Good or Passenger Vehicle with an Inaccurate or Modified Authorisation Plate or Without any Authorisation Plate	1	€ 60.00

Division	Offence Group	Number	Amount
Sligo/Leitrim	Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	58	€ 3,900.00
	Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	23	€ 1,530.00
	Exceed Vehicle Weights	3	€ 600.00
	Parking/Entering A Bus Lane, Bus Contraflow, At Bus Stop Or Taxi Rank	17	€ 720.00
	Parking Or Stopping In A Clearway Or Disabled Space	12	€ 940.00
	Drink Driving Fixed Penalty	23	€ 5,800.00
	Driving A Vehicle Without Reasonable Consideration	47	€ 4,040.00
	Fail To Yield Right Of Way	1	€ 80.00
	Failure To Obey Mandatory Traffic Signs, Weight Restrictions And Reversing Offences	1	€ 60.00
	Holding A Mobile Phone Whilst Driving	194	€ 12,300.00
	Dangerous & Endangering Overtaking	14	€ 1,160.00
	Failing To Obey Parking Signs And Road Markings	23	€ 960.00
	Parking In A Manner Or Location That Causes A Danger Or Obstruction	20	€ 840.00
	Parking/Stopping In Loading Bay And School Entrance	2	€ 80.00
	Parking Within 5 Metres After a Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	3	€ 120.00
	Parking Within 15 Metres Before Road Junctions, Traffic Lights And Pedestrian Crossings	18	€ 720.00
	Novice Driver Offences	32	€ 2,420.00
	Public Order Offences	181	€ 22,340.00
	Crossing Centre Lines On A Roadway Causing Danger.	11	€ 880.00
	Seat Belt Offences	65	€ 4,050.00
	Speeding Offences	3,407	€ 285,720.00
	Failing To Display A Valid Tax Or Insurance Disc	293	€ 19,470.00
	Fail To Observe Traffic Signs And Road Markings	11	€ 740.00
Failing To Stop At Traffic Lights (Red & Amber)	19	€ 1,600.00	
Use A Vehicle With Defective Or Dangerous Tyres	11	€ 960.00	
Using Vehicle Without NCT Test Certificate	28	€ 1,800.00	
Using Vehicle/Trailer Without The Required Lighting	7	€ 420.00	