

# An Garda Síochána

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**Mr. Craig Farrell**

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000220-2017 Request Part Grant**

*Dear Mr. Farrell,*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

- *A breakdown of all firearm licenses issued by gun type, and the total revenue earned for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date*
- *A breakdown of all firearm licenses issued by gun type, by county, for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

I wish to inform you that parts of your request are outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act as 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 I have refused the parts of your request seeking 'A breakdown of all firearm licenses issued by gun type' as this does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act as the records sought by you relate to operational policing matters and are not administrative records that relates to human resources, finance or procurement.

However, I advise that summary information on firearm licensing is available in An Garda Síochána Annual Report 2015 which is available in the Publications section on the Garda Website by following this link:

<http://www.garda.ie/Documents/User/Annual%20Report%20English.pdf>

The section of your request referring to the 'the total revenue earned for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date' has been supplied in the table below. This table outlines the total revenue earned from Firearm Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

	2014	2015	2016	2017*
All Firearms Fee	€3,697,085	€3,139,124	€10,578,235	1,904,876

\*2017 amounts are from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30 April 2017.

The majority of certificates fell due for renewal during the latter half of 2015 and the year 2016, hence the significant increase in fees received in 2016 compared to 2015 and 2014.

All monies received by An Garda Síochána from the payment of Firearms fees are paid on a monthly basis to the Exchequer via the Financial Shared Services, Killarney.

## 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 **F01-000220-2017**.

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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:** IE86BOF190001710026896

**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](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 OFFICE**

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017