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Mr Michael Sheils McNamee

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000238-2017 Request Granted

Dear Mr Sheils McNamee,

I refer to your request, dated 22nd of May and received on 23rd 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 original request:

- *The number of gardaí currently employed by An Garda Síochána.*
- *The number of gardaí currently employed by An Garda Síochána who have yet to be vetted in line with the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016.*
- *The number of gardaí who have any form of vetting outstanding (with the type of vetting they are yet to receive specified).*
- *The number of individuals who applied to train as gardaí in 2016 and were turned down as they failed to meet the vetting requirements.*

I understand a member of staff from my office was in contact with you seeking clarification on your request. It was agreed that your request would be amended to the following.

Your amended request sought:

- *The number of gardaí currently employed by An Garda Síochána.*
- *The number of individuals who applied to train as gardaí in 2016 and were turned down as they failed to meet the vetting requirements.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 19th June, 2017.

1. Findings and particulars

Your request was forwarded onto the Human Resources Section within An Garda Síochána. They have advised this office that total strength of the force on the 30th April is 13,156.

In relation to the second part of your request The Public Appointments Service (PAS) has responsibility for the advertising and interviewing of new recruits. PAS forwarded on the names and details of 1,341 successful applicants for the recruitment drive of 2016. To date 20 of these applicants have failed to meet the vetting process. This number may rise as applicants continue to be processed.

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-000238-2017**.

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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000238-2017) 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,



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19th June, 2017