

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000273-2017 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 23rd June 2017, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) 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:

"The total amount of expenses claimed by senior management of An Garda Síochána – non-credit card and credit card – for each of the categories: Home Travel & Subsistence, Foreign Travel & Subsistence, Official Entertainment, Training, incidental and purchase of publications for the year 2016"

I have now made a decision to refuse your request on 11th July, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

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

On receipt of your request, this office contacted the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána in respect of your request.

The senior management expenses for the year 2016 are currently being finalised for publication and in this regard, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act which states:

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—

- (f) *the FOI body intends to publish the record and such publication is intended to be effect not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head*

An Garda Síochána intends to publish the expenses incurred by senior management for 2016 on the Publication Scheme section of the Garda Síochána website at www.garda.ie. This publication is due to be completed by 4th August 2017.

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 **F01-000273- 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 your FOI reference number F01-000273-2017 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 have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,


_____**SUPERINTENDENT**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE


_____**July 2017**