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Mr. Kieran Dineen

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000278-2017 Granted

Dear Mr. Dineen,

I refer to your request, dated 25th June 2017 and received on 26th June, 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:

The amount of money paid out for each recovering and towing service contracts for each garda division in 2015 and 2016

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 17th July 2017

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision to deny access

The Garda Financial Management System was queried by the Finance Directorate seeking the records you requested. The figures attached at Appendix A show the costs associated with the towing and recovery of vehicles by Garda Division for years 2015 and 2016.

Successful tenderers are awarded a contract for the Provision of Recovery/Towing and Management Service Contract in the various Garda Regions/Divisions following a public Procurement competition run by the office of Government Procurement.

Towing fees include all vehicles detained under Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act 1994, official Garda vehicles and other vehicles seized or transported by An Garda Síochána for investigative, evidential and technical examination purposes. These figures include sums paid to non contracted firms who had been requested to remove a vehicle in an emergency situation or in cases where the location of the vehicle presented a danger to other road user's required immediate removal. An increase in enforcement from 2015 to 2016 resulted in an increase of 7,209 vehicles detained during 2016.

Details relating to Section 41 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 is available at the following URL for your ease of reference: <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/1994/act/7/section/41/enacted/en/html>.

The number of incidents where vehicles were detained under Section 41 are published on the Garda Website at <http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=1368&Lang=1>

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 **F01-000278-2017**.

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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: IE86B0F190001710026896
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. 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.

19TH JULY 2017

Appendix A

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Towing Expenditure

Division	2015	2016	Grand Total
Cavan/Monaghan (PCNMN)	€ 145,100	€ 155,224	€ 300,324
Clare (PCLAR)	€ 26,396	€ 34,114	€ 60,510
Cork City (PCORK)	€ 216,385	€ 275,096	€ 491,481
Cork North (PCRKN)	€ 122,116	€ 268,836	€ 390,952
Cork West (PCRKW)	€ 73,939	€ 68,570	€ 142,508
DMR East (PDMRE)	€ 60,978	€ 43,408	€ 104,386
DMR North (PDMRN)	€ 108,865	€ 358,518	€ 467,383
DMR North Central (PDMNC)	€ 53,297	€ 126,815	€ 180,112
DMR South (PDMRS)	€ 107,659	€ 88,628	€ 196,286
DMR South Central (PDMSC)	€ 157,745	€ 141,400	€ 299,145
DMR Traffic (PDMRT)	€ 36,704	€ 4,628	€ 41,332
DMR West (PDMRW)	€ 589,830	€ 676,566	€ 1,266,396
Donegal (PDONL)	€ 338,645	€ 479,929	€ 818,574
Galway (PGALW)	€ 450,395	€ 435,326	€ 885,721
Kerry (PKRRY)	€ 56,684	€ 55,711	€ 112,396
Kildare (PCWKE)	€ 294,043	€ 397,991	€ 692,033
Kilkenny/Carlow (PKKCW)	€ 204,398	€ 221,910	€ 426,308
Laois/Offaly (PLSOY)	€ 159,785	€ 292,025	€ 451,810
Limerick (PLIMK)	€ 390,150	€ 489,710	€ 879,860
Louth (PLHMH)	€ 302,429	€ 341,931	€ 644,360
Mayo (PMAYO)	€ 157,700	€ 260,136	€ 417,837
Meath (PMEAT)	€ 89,088	€ 116,103	€ 205,191
Roscommon/Longford (PRNGY)	€ 152,638	€ 279,877	€ 432,515
Sligo/Leitrim (PSOLM)	€ 184,353	€ 166,574	€ 350,927
Tipperary (PTIPP)	€ 414,731	€ 591,988	€ 1,006,719
Waterford (PWDKK)	€ 105,634	€ 132,471	€ 238,105
Westmeath (PLDWH)	€ 210,662	€ 433,222	€ 643,885
Wexford (PWXWW)	€ 202,966	€ 150,781	€ 353,747
Wicklow (PWICK)	€ 96,384	€ 118,513	€ 214,897
Garda HQ and Specialist Services	€ 3,499	€ 18,355	€ 21,854
Grand Total	€ 5,513,198	€ 7,224,356	€ 12,737,554