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Mr. Darren Hassett

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000363-2017 Request Partially Granted

Dear Mr. Hassett,

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 17th August 2017 which you have made 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I'm requesting information on how many new Garda recruits have been assigned to Kilkenny since the moratorium on recruitment lifted [January 1, 2014] and to date this year.

Under the Act, I'm seeking information on how many retirements there were in Kilkenny between the same dates?

As well as the exact number of gardai, and a breakdown of their ranks, in Kilkenny at this present time for 2017.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 7th September 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The sections of the Act which deny access to information are known as its exemptions.

On receipt of your request, a search was conducted in the Human Resource Management Section of An Garda Síochána in respect of same. In this regard, I am refusing your request under Section 15(1)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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*
- (i) *The request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where –*
 - (i) *the records are available to the requester.*

The information sought in respect of retirements and recruitments was the subject of previous requests made by you on 17th February 2017, 12th May 2017 and 3rd July 2017. The relevant decisions and released records are available at the following link for your ease of reference:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=20355&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 **F01-000363-2017**.

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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

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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,

Helen Deely SUPERINTENDENT
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

11th SEPTEMBER 2017