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Ms. Ali Bracken

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000371-2017 Request Refused

Dear Ms. Bracken,

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 28th 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:

'I am seeking records on how much has been spent on cosmetics for garda commissioner Noirin O'Sullivan since she was appointed commissioner in 2014.

I am also seeking records how much was additionally spent on cosmetics for other garda members since 2014.

Also, if at all possible, a breakdown of what type of cosmetics have been purchased on behalf of the garda commissioner and/or other garda officers.'

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I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 19th September 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, a search was conducted in the Commissioner's Office and also in the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána.

Following a detailed search in both of the offices outlined above, I am to advise you that no records have been identified in respect of your request. I further advise that the former Garda Commissioner did not expend any public monies in the purchase of cosmetics during her tenure as Garda Commissioner, therefore no records exist. For the same reasons, it is also not possible to provide a breakdown of the type of cosmetics purchased. In this regard, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

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 **FOI-000371-2017**.

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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 (FOI-000371-2017) 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 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 SEPTEMBER 2017