

# An Garda Síochána

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**Ms. Laura Colgan**

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000378-2017 Request Granted**

*Dear Ms. Colgan,*

I refer to your request, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 and received on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 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:

*'Details of the costs for new vehicles and the maintenance of vehicles for use by members of An Garda Síochána in 2016. Please include information for cars, vans, motorbikes, 4x4s and multi-purpose vehicles'*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána in respect of same.

The table below which outlines the cost of the purchases of new vehicles in 2016 broken down by vehicles, vans and motorcycles.

<b>Purchases Capital 2016</b>	
Purchase of Vehicles	€7,734,446
Purchase of Vans	€1,489,219
Purchase of Motorcycles	€769,031
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€9,992,696</b>

The second part of your request sought 'the cost of the maintenance of vehicles for use by members of An Garda Síochána in 2016'. Please see table below which outlines the maintenance and running expenses of the Garda fleet for 2016. Please note, the breakdown of maintenance costs is based on invoices approved by individual job authorisations. Therefore, the records for the maintenance of vehicles are not recorded by vehicle type.

<b>Maintenance/Running Expenses 2016</b>	
Maintenance, incl. Car wash	€5,121,636
Spare parts, excl. Tyres	€5,099,522
Tyres	€1,279,545
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€11,500,702</b>

The maintenance regime for Official Garda Vehicles was formalised and improved by protocols which required that all vehicles were maintained to the highest standards using only manufacturer's work instructions and approved parts. An inspection regime was also adopted to confirm the condition of vehicles and to highlight the necessity to replace worn or damaged parts before they failed. The servicing requirement was also improved which required vehicles to be serviced at the necessary odometer interval or annually, whichever came first. In the absence of replacements, the lifespan of vehicles was also increased from 160,000kms to a total of 300,000kms. This extension necessitated the replacement of all safety related parts at 160,000kms.

Information in respect of the purchasing of vehicles and the maintenance and repairs of same for previous years has been the subject of a number of previous FOI requests in particular those outlined below. The relevant decisions and released records are available at the following link for your ease of reference:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=16975&Lang=1>

<b>FOI Requests</b>
FOI-000074-2016
FOI-000176-2016
FOI-000394-2016
FOI-000438-2016

## **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-000378-2017**.



***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-000378-2017) 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](http://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**

**28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**