

An Garda Síochána

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Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh,
Contae na Mí.
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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000480-2017 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 25th October, 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:

In this history of the Gardaí what were the top ten most expensive police investigations in order of lowest cost to highest cost.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 14th November 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The Financial Management System (FMS) within An Garda Síochána is not designed to itemise the cost of individual investigations and therefore the records you are seeking do not exist.

Members of An Garda Síochána are typically rostered for multiple duties including criminal investigations and the cost of manpower associated with these duties are not analysed nor captured separately on the Financial Management System.

A unique FMS project code does not exist in respect of operational duties referred to in your request. In the absence of such a project code it is not possible to identify the costs.

Your request is therefore refused under section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

15 (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where

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

Previous answers to FOI requests are published on the Garda Síochána webpage in the FOI decision log pages. A previous similar request to yours (FOI-000066-2017) was received and is published on the financial decision log page in 2017. It can be viewed by using the web link below.

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=20319&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 **FOI-000480-2017**.

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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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000480-2017 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 the 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 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

14th November 2017