

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000246-2018 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 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 Acts I would like to request a full copy of the briefing material provided to Assistant Supt David Sheehan for his appearance before the Oireachtas Transport Committee on June 20th, 2018.'*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Roads Policing where a search was conducted in this regard.

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

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I am to advise you that I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) 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 (d) the information is already in the public domain.*

A copy of the briefing material provided to Assistant Commissioner Sheahan for the Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport is available on the Oireachtas website and may be accessed by following the attached link:

[https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/committee/dail/32/joint\\_committee\\_on\\_transport\\_tourism\\_and\\_sport/submissions/2018/2018-06-27\\_opening-statement-david-sheahan-assistant-garda-commissioner-an-garda-siochana\\_en.pdf](https://data.oireachtas.ie/ie/oireachtas/committee/dail/32/joint_committee_on_transport_tourism_and_sport/submissions/2018/2018-06-27_opening-statement-david-sheahan-assistant-garda-commissioner-an-garda-siochana_en.pdf)

## **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-000246-2018**.

***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:** BOFIIIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000246-2018) 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,

*Sharon Kennedy* SUPERINTENDENT  
SHARON KENNEDY  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

18 JULY 2018