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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000003-2021 Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 1st January, 2021 and received on 4th January, 2021 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:

1. *The amount spent by AGS for firearms training for members in each of the years 2018, 19 and 20.*
2. *The number of individual training sessions involved in each of those years*
3. *The number of individual members who received training in each of those years.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on 28th January, 2020.

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 relevant sections of An Garda Síochaná where searches were conducted in respect of same.

I am refusing to release the figures in relation to years 2018 and 2019 in accordance with Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act. The information sought by you for 2018 and 2019 were the subject of a previous FOI request FOI-000184-2020.

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.

As it is the policy of An Garda Síochaná to publish all non-personal FOI requests that result in the release of records, the figures for 2018 & 2019 can be accessed by following the link below:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/decision-letter-foi-000184-2020-firearms-training-and-costs.pdf>

The Garda College as advised that there is no unique subhead code on the Financial Management System to record the cost of firearms training. However the amount supplied in the table below provides a figure that was attained by accessing the travel and subsistence claims of members that attended firearms training.

The Garda College have provided the following information in respect of 2020.

2020	
Firearms Training Cost	€352,441.54*
Number of Training Sessions	1773**
Number of Individual members Trained	2428**

* Late T&S claims can result in a change to the cost related to any particular month or year.

**This data is for Live refresher and FATS refresher training.

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-000003-2021**.

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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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000003-2021) 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER



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