

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000022-2022 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 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:

- a. *Can you provide the overall amount received by Gardai in retirement lump sum payments in 2021.*
- b. *Can you provide the top 20 amounts received by Gardai in 2021 in retirement lump sums and the county in which they operated and their rank?*
- c. *Can you state how many Gardai last year received lump sum payments last year.*
- d. *Can you state the rank of those who retired last year?*  
*e.g. Four Chief Superintendents - eight Superintendents, 22 inspectors etc*
- e. *The amount paid out in pensions last year to Gardai who have retired over the years and the number of former Gardai in receipt of pensions.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

Upon receipt, your request was forward to the relevant sections within An Garda Síochána. I lettered your queries for ease of reference.

All Garda pensions and lump sums are calculated and paid by the Department of Justice and in particular the Financial Shared Services in Killarney who are the stakeholders of the records you seek in Part A,B and E. In this regard, I am refusing part A, B and E of 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*

The table below details the records sought Part C & D of your request. These figures include voluntary retirements, compulsory retirements and cost neutral early retirements.

	Com	D/Com	AC	C/Supt	Supt	Insp.	Sgt	Garda	Total
2021	0	1	0	5	9	15	95	174	299

\*Figures above as of 10 January, 2022.

### 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-000022-2022**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000022-2022) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**PAUL BASSETT  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY, 2022.