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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000040-2022 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on **19th 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:

*1 How much was spent across all Garda divisions from January 1 to December 31 2020 on take away food for persons held in custody - either when being questioned at a Garda station after arrest or brought to court for charge awaiting their case being heard?
Can I ask for the same information from January 1 to June 31 2021, if available?*

2 Where data is available, could I ask what was the most common type of food purchased for those in Garda custody?

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 14th February, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt your request was forwarded to the Finance Division of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request.

I have been advised that the Finance Division of An Garda Síochána is not in a position to provide a breakdown of the spend on meals only as they are not recorded in that manner on the Financial Management System. Therefore I can only provide a combined record of the cost of clothing and food for detained individuals.

The table below details the amounts spent in total on clothing and food for individuals detained in custody for the requested years.

2020	(Jan-June) 2021	Total
€301,615	€129,393	€431,008

I am refusing the second part of your request in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which 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.

HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

The second part of your request does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

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-000040-2022**.

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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-000040-2022 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

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

14 FEBRUARY, 2022.