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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000055-2022 Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 31st January, 2022 and received on 1st February, 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:

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1. The number of vehicles and trailers owned in the years 2019, 2020 & 2021.*
- 2. The numbers of vehicles leased in the years 2019, 2020 & 2021.*
- 3. The cost of vehicle maintenance in the years 2019, 2020 & 2021.*
- 4. The cost of trailer maintenance in the years 2019, 2020 & 2021.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 7th of 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 relevant sections within An Garda Síochána. Following searches in these offices a number of records were supplied in relation to your request. Table A below details the records sought in Part 1 and 2 of your request. Table B contains records as regards the cost of maintenance for the Garda Fleet.

Table A

Year	Number of Vehicles	Number of Vehicles Leased
2019	2,794	0
2020	3,112	105
2021	3,240	0

*As of the 31st December each Year

Table B

Cost	2019	2020	2021
Fuel	€8,521,786.85	€7,978,013.64	€9,139,129.35
Maintenance	€7,246,939.17	€8,820,868.13	€9,201,057.63
Spare parts	€2,091,003.34	€2,316,315.76	€453,196.39
Tyres	€1,302,391.20	€1,552,930.64	€1,528,754.01
Towing	€283,824.77	€263,705.47	€331,881.72

I am refusing part 4 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act as we have been advised that no records have been identified in respect of “*cost of trailer maintenance*”. The cost of trailer maintenance is not recorded under its own subhead on the Financial Management System and can therefore the cost cannot be extracted for trailers only.

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

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-000055-2022**.

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-000055-2022) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

7th FEBRUARY, 2022.