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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000184-2022 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 5th May, 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) *The top 12 most language interpreters that An Garda Síochána have used to assist them with suspects or victims of crime who have very little or English in the years of 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form*
- 2) *The amount An Garda Síochána have spent on hiring foreign language interpreters in the years of 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form*
- 3) *The name of the company that was awarded the contract to provide AGS with interpreters services upon request*
- 4) *When the current contract for the provision of interpreters services to AGS is due to expire*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 20th May 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 Section of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request. The table below sets out the records

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sought in Part 1 of your request. Please be advised that An Garda Síochána do not provide a reason to Translation.ie as to why an interpreter is required.

Top 12 Sought Languages for 2021 and 2022	
2021	2022 (End April 2022)
Romanian	Romanian
Polish	Polish
Lithuanian	Russian
Russian	Lithuanian
Portuguese	Portuguese
Arabic	Ukrainian
Spanish	Arabic
Mandarian Chinese	Slovak
Slovak	Spanish
French	Mandarin Chinese
Bulgarian	Urdu
Moldavian	French

The table below shows the financial figures for interpreter translation services for the requested years.

Interpreter Services Expenditure for 2021 & 2022	
Year	Spend
2021	€3,911,058
2022(End April 2022)	€917,898

The most recent contract for An Garda Síochána interpretation and translation services was supplied by Translation.ie. The contract expired on the 31st October 2020.

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-0000184-2022**.

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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-000184-2022 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

20th MAY, 2022.