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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000208-2021 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 11th June, 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:

I was wondering if you could tell me the following details under the Freedom of Information Act 2014

- 1) The amount An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Suits in the years of 2018, 2019, 2020 and to-date in 2021 in tabular*
- 2) The name of the company that provides An Garda Síochána with CBRN suits*
- 3) When has the current contract to supply CBRN Suits to AGS commenced and when is it to expire eg Contract commenced January 2020 and will expire in December 2022 etc*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 21st June 2021.

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 of An Garda Síochána where searches were conducted in respect of same.

In respect of part one of your request, the amount spent by An Garda Síochána on the purchase of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Suits is as follows:

| Year | Spend |
|-------|-----------|
| 2018 | €0 |
| 2019 | €1,122.75 |
| 2020 | €0 |
| 2021* | €0 |

*As of 18/06/2021

In response to part two of your request, I can advise that CBRN suits have been supplied to An Garda Síochána by Anderco Safety.

I am refusing part three of your request pursuant to Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI act as there is currently no contract in place for the supply of CBRN equipment. As such the records sought in part three of your request do not exist. Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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-000208-2021**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

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-000208-2021 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 wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

21st JUNE, 2021