

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000261-2020 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 30th July 2020 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:

Under the FOI Act and under the category of finance, can I get a record of the number of fines and the amount paid in each case by An Garda Síochána following the issuing of parking tickets or speeding tickets to their fleet in the last three years. This is in respect of Garda vehicles and GoSafe vans.

Can I have this broken down on a county by county basis please,

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 7th August 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt your request was forwarded onto the relevant sections of an Garda Síochána who have advised this office that Garda vehicles used in the performance of a Garda members' official duty are not liable for parking fines or speeding fines as per section 87 of the Road

Traffic Act 2010. Therefore, I am refusing your request in respect of Garda vehicles in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI 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

In respect of “GoSafe vans” I wish to advise that these vehicles are owned and operated by a private company and not An Garda Síochána. Therefore, I am refusing this element of your request under Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. Part 1(n) of the 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. This 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-000261-2020**.

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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

Account Number: 10026896

Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000261-2020 is included in the payment details.

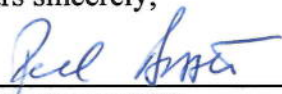
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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

7th **AUGUST 2020.**