

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000439-2018 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 15th October and clarified on 18th October, 2018 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:

In relation to the 87 Gardai in Roads Policing referred to in that press release:

- 1. How many had CBD1 assessment to drive a patrol car on the day of appointment to the Roads Policing Unit?*
- 2. How many had CBD2 qualification to drive a patrol car on the day of appointment to the Roads Policing Unit i.e. can use their blue lights?*
- 3. How many had CBD3 qualification to drive a patrol car on the day of appointment to the Roads Policing Unit i.e. passed the advanced driving course?*
- 4. How many Garda involved in front line policing e.g. in Roads Policing or one of the armed response units, have been trained to drive the Tuscon jeep model that is in the photograph?*

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5. Finally how many frontline members of An Garda Síochána i.e. excluding civilian staff, do not have any CBD training? This question refers to the entire membership of AGS and is not restricted to those in the press release.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 14th November, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the relevant section within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you requested. Out of the 87 members appointed to the Roads Policing Unit 81 members completed varying drivers training.

Table A below supplies the details to Part 1, 2 and 3 of your request:

| Members | Standard Car | CBD1 | CBD2 | CBD3 |
|---------|--------------|------|------|------|
| 81 | 26 | 16 | 39 | 0 |

I am refusing Part 4 of your request as the records that you seek pertain to the core functions of An Garda Síochána, that is, operational policing matters. 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.

Under Section 15 (1)(c) I am refusing Part 5 of your request as it would prove voluminous and by reason of the nature and volume of the records involved would cause a disruption to the working of a number of functional sections of An Garda Síochána. The records sought by you in Part 5 are not held in a central location and would require a manual trawl of records across the 28 Operation Divisions in order to identify this information, therefore I am refusing this element of your request under Section 15(1)(c) of the FOI Act wherein it states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests:

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where-

(c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,"

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-000439-2018**.

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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

Account Number: 10026896

Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000439-2018 is included in the payment details.

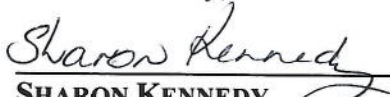
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal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

 **SUPERINTENDENT**
SHARON KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

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