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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000066-2017 Refusal

Dear .

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submissions to An Garda Síochána dated 20th February 2016 and received on 21st February 2016.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 states that An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included agency “*insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resource,s or finance or procurement matters*”. Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request is shown below:

1) Information on the top five most expensive Garda investigations in Ireland over the past 3 calendar years.

I'd like information on budget allocation for these major investigations outlined separately, and information on how much money was spent on each investigation in the time frame mentioned above.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 8th March, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The Financial Management System within An Garda Síochána was queried to identify if the records could be extracted to provide an answer to your request. It has been determined that these specific financial records do not exist.

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Members of An Garda Síochána are typically rostered for multiple duties and criminal investigations. The cost of manpower associated with these duties are not analysed nor captured separately on the Financial Management System.

A unique project code does not exist in respect of operational duties referred to in your request. In the absence of such a project code it is not possible to identify the costs.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Your request is therefore refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act which states:

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

(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-000066-2017**.

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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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account
Account Number: 10026896
Sort Code: 900017
IBAN: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number 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

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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

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9th MARCH 2017