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Mr Gordon Deegan

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000094-2017 Request Partially Granted

Dear Mr Deegan,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 6th March, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

The number of Gardai to retire last year and in 2015

The ranks of those to retire last year and in 2015.

The aggregate amount paid out on lump sum retirement sums to members of the force who retired last year and in 2015.

The individual top 20 amounts paid out last year only.

The rank of those to receive the top ten amounts last year.

The total amount paid out to retired members of the Gardai last year (members to have retired last year and those to have retired in prior years).

The current number of those who have retired from the Gardai and are in receipt of a Garda pension.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to partially grant your request on the 28th March, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

I advise you that I am refusing your request for the 2015 retirement figures pursuant to section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act. I advise that these figures are published in An Garda Síochána's annual reports, which are available on the Garda website. The 2015 Annual report is available at the following link: <http://garda.ie/Documents/User/Annual%20Report%20English.pdf> . Section 15(1)(d) 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—

(d) the information is already in the public domain,

I advise that I am granting your request for the 2016 retirement figures by rank. Appendix A provides a breakdown of Garda retirements between 1st January 2016 to 31st December, 2016 by Garda rank.

I advise that I am refusing the remaining parts of your request in relation to retirement lump sums and pension payments. I am to advise that An Garda Síochána hold partial records with respect to these parts of your request.

On the retirement of a member, the gross gratuity payment under the terms of the scheme is calculated by An Garda Síochána. The details are then passed to the Department of Justice and Equality who may apply deductions to arrive at the actual gratuity amount. These records are retained by the Department of Justice and Equality. I also advise that the administration of the pension payments also falls under the remit of the Department.

On the basis of the above, I advise that these parts of your request are more relevant to the Department of Justice and Equality and should be addressed to:

Information Officer
Department of Justice and Equality
51 St. Stephen's Green
Dublin 2
D02 HK52

Email: foi@justice.ie

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-000094-2017**.
Freedom of Information, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000094-2017) 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.
HELEN DEELY.
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER .

29th MARCH, 2017

Appendix A –Garda Retirements by Rank between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2016

Reason	Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner	Assistant Commissioner	Chief Superintendent	Superintendent	Inspector	Sergeant	Garda	Total
Compulsory			1	3	2	3	2	9	20
Cost Neutral Early Retirement								1	1
Voluntary			1	2	3	13	61	127	207
Totals	0	0	2	5	5	16	63	137	228