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Date:

Mr. Russ Kick

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000108-2017 Request Refused

Dear Mr. Kick,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 13th 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:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records about any assistance the US is giving to Ireland for protection of Trump International Golf Links at Doonbeg, as well as any other properties owned by Trump. This may be in the form of financial assistance, manpower, advisement, etc.

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

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

The Finance section, which has responsibility to matters relating to costings, advised us that there are no records relating to your request for records “*records about any assistance the US is giving to Ireland for protection of Trump International Golf Links at Doonbeg, as well as any other properties owned by Trump. This may be in the form of financial assistance, manpower, advisement, etc.*” Therefore I am refusing your request on the basis that the records that you have sought do not exist. Consequently it is not possible to extract the information you seek from financial records held by An Garda Síochána. Section 15(1) (a) of the FOI Act is applicable in this situation.

Section 15 – 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—

(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 **F01-000108- 2017**.

Freedom of Information Office,
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IDA Business Park,
Johnstown,
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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 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 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

31st MARCH 2017