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Ms. Orla Ryan

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000207-2017 Request Granted

Dear Ms. Ryan,

I refer to your request, dated the 11th May 2017 and received on 12th May 2017, 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:

I, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, am looking for copies of financial records detailing how much has been spent to date on the new Garda headquarters on Kevin Street, Dublin.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 31st May 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

I understand a member of staff from my office was in contact with you in respect of your request and advised that in order to pursue your original request, would incur a fee due to the voluminous nature of the request. In this regard, it was agreed that this office would supply

you with the overall costing on how much the building of the new Garda Headquarters at Kevin Street to date (30th April 2017).

The Government Infrastructure Stimulus Package 2012 included three major Garda construction projects, namely the development of new Divisional HQ Stations at Kevin Street and Wexford and the development of a new Regional/Divisional HQ Station in Galway.

These projects represent a major modernisation of Garda infrastructure. The project to develop a new Garda Station at Kevin Street will provide An Garda Síochána in the DMR South Central Division with, inter alia:

- improved office and incident management facilities.
- appropriate facilities for meeting members of the public (including facilities to support victims of crime and provide universal access).
- appropriate facilities for custody management which enhances our ability to provide safe and secure detention.
- enhanced training facilities for members.
- Stores for Property and Exhibit Management, to support the property management system of An Garda Síochána so that property and exhibits may be safely and securely stored.
- suitable welfare facilities for Garda members and staff.

The contract for the new Divisional Headquarters at Kevin Street was awarded to JJ Rhatigan and Company on 30th January 2015. Work commenced on site in February 2015 and it is expected that construction works at the new Station will be completed in late 2017.

Please see table below outlining the annual expenditure on this building project to date. The expenditure to date is within budget for this project.

	2015	2016	Jan-April 2017	Grand Total
Kevin Street Divisional HQ	€6,356,676	€10,748,096	€3,983,858	€21,088,630

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-0000207- 2017**.

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-0000207-2017 is included your appeal application.


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 **MAY 2017**