

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000234-2024 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 1st July, 2024 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 am looking to see if there is any figures on the garda compensation scheme since April 2023.

- 1. would there be latest figures on numbers of compensation and amount*
- 2. Would there be a breakdown on the reasons for compensation sought.*
- 3. Would there be a gender breakdown on the people seeking compensation.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 15th July, 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Garda Compensation Section have advised as follows based on statistics available at 27th June 2024 in relation only to claims originally submitted to the Minister for Justice under the repealed 1941-1945 Acts:

- At 10 April 2023 - 767 claims were not authorised by the Minister for Justice to proceed to the High Court for assessment.

- **602 have been re-submitted** to the Garda Commissioner, of these, 551 have been processed and submitted to PIRB (59 of these have been settled and payments made to injured members).
- 158 have yet to be re-submitted, remainder were withdrawn.

Compensation Section have also advised based on statistics available at 27th June 2024 in relation to **all other claims** submitted to the Garda Commissioner under the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Act 2022

- 125 claims received - 92 have been processed and submitted to PIRB (10 of these have been settled and payments made to injured members).

The costs associated with the 69 claims settled from 10th April 2023 to 30th June 2024 comprises

General Damages - €1,176,201.14

Special Damages - €162,994.07

Legal Costs - € 83,009.70

Garda Finance Section have provided the table below outlines the number of cases where claims have been paid under the Garda Compensation Act, the Occupational Injuries Scheme, Accidents involving Garda Vehicles and Other Compensation for 2023

Year	Personal Injury Awards	Personal Injury Costs	Occupational Injuries Scheme	Accidents involving Garda Vehicles	Other Compensation*
2023	€5,292,744	€2,048,524	€66,455	€1,975,554	€6,266,656

The following outlines the amount of expenditure paid out in 2023 broken down by the Garda Compensation Act, the Occupational Injuries Scheme, Accidents involving Garda Vehicles and Other Compensation for 2023

Year	Garda Compensation Act		Garda	Compensation paid through State Claims Agency	
	Personal Injury Awards	Personal Injury Costs	Occupational Injuries Scheme	Accidents involving Garda Vehicles	Other Compensation*
2023	€5,292,744	€2,048,524	€66,455	€1,975,554	€6,266,656

*Other Compensation costs include Expenses arising from Garda Actions, Injuries on Garda premises and Damage to Property by Gardai

In respect of part 2 of your request, the reasons for claimants seeking compensation are:

Criminal Damage/Psychological
Physical Assault
Physical Assault/Psychological
Physical Assault/Psychological/BBV Fear
Physical Assault/Psychological/Dog Bite
Physical Assault/Psychological/Firearm
Physical Assault/Psychological/Human Bite
Physical Assault/Psychological/Human Bite/Spit/BBV-Fear
Physical Assault/Psychological/Spit/BBV-Fear
Physical Assault/Psychological/Vehicle
Physical Assault/Vehicle

Physical/Scar
Physical/Vehicle/Psychological/Pedestrian
Psychological
Psychological/Needle Injury
Threat/Physical/Psychological/Firearm
Threat/Psychological
Threat/Psychological/Explosive
Threat/Psychological/Firearm
Traffic/Ramming/Vehicle
Traffic/Ramming/Vehicle/Psychological
Traffic/Ramming/Vehicle/Psychological/Spit
Physical/Psychological/Knife attack
Physical/Dog Bite/Scar
Physical Assault/Human Bite

The gender breakdown of those seeking compensation stands at 80% male claimants and 20% female claimants.

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-000234-2024**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 ND62

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000234-2024) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

15 JULY, 2024.