

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000506-2017 Request Granted

I refer to your request, dated the 12th November 2017 and received on the 13th November 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:

Records containing details of all expenses, allowances and other costs paid in respect of the Garda band during each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016; to include the purpose of the payments and the number of recipients

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 4th December 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records. I understand you spoke with a member of staff from my office and it was agreed that the number of staff attached to the Garda Band for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 would be supplied rather the number of recipients of payments as sought in your original request.

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Please see table A below which outlines the expenditure from the Garda Band Cost Centre for each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Table A: - Garda Band Expenses:

Garda Band	2014	2015	2016
Salaries, Wages & Allowances	€ 1,720,464	€ 1,770,700	€ 1,710,551
Travel & Subsistence	€ 26,250	€ 26,927	€ 22,417
Training & Development & Incidental	€ 7,390	€ 9,525	€ 7,565
Postal & Telecommunications Services	€ 522	€ -	€ -
Office Equipment & External IT Services	€ 374	€ 372	€ 2,850
Maintenance of Garda Premises	€ 72	€ 7,598	€ 634
Station Services	€ 1,760	€ 740	€ 60
Clothing & Accessories	€ -	€ -	€ 78,677
Transport	€ 3,942	€ 3,096	€ 5,855
Communications & Other Equipment	€ 14,590	€ 14,637	€ 41,199
Total	€ 1,775,364	€ 1,833,594	€ 1,869,806

As per your clarified request, table B below outlines the number of staff attached to the Garda band for each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Table B:- - Staffing Levels in Garda Band

	2014	2015	2016
Garda Band	30	30	29

Further information in relation to the role and function of the Garda Band is available on the Garda website and may be viewed by following the attached link:

<http://garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=89&Lang=1>

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 **F0I-000506-2017**.

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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 (FOI-000506-2017) 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**
SHARON KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

07 DECEMBER, 2017