

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000510-2017 Request Refused

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 16th 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:

A breakdown of overtime hours worked - and the monetary value of that overtime - by individual gardai under Operation Hybrid since 2016 and any related data.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 6th December, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána who queried the Financial Management System in order to identify if the records could be extracted. It has been determined that these specific financial records do not exist.

Members of An Garda Síochána are typically rostered for multiple duties and criminal investigations. The cost of manpower associated with these duties are not analysed nor captured separately on the Financial Management System.

A unique project code does not exist in respect of the operational duties specifically related to Operation Hybrid. It is not possible to isolate the figures in relation to this operation. In the absence of such a project code it is therefore not possible to identify the specific overtime expenditure associated with Operation Hybrid.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Your request is therefore refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

- 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 **FOI-000510-2017**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000510-2017 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**