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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000526-2017 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 28th November, 2017, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. I also refer to email correspondence with my Office of the 12th December, 2017 wherein Part (1) of your request was clarified.

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 initial request sought:

- 1) The amount An Garda Síochána have spent on purchasing food for suspects while in Garda Custody in the Garda North Dublin Division in each of the years 2015, 2016 and to-date in 2017*
- 2) The name of the companies that were awarded the contract to supply food to AGS; When the contract for same is next due for renewal*
- 3) The number of companies that applied for the contract but were unsuccessful*

Clarification dated 12th December 2017:

Yes in respect to Part 1 of my FOI you can provide the figure for both food and clothing if applicable in respect to costs.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 19th December, 2017.

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The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The details of your request were forwarded to the both the Procurement and Finance sections within An Garda Síochána who are responsible for the management of procurement and financial matters for the Garda Organisation.

The Finance Section have provided the information outlined below in Table A in response to Part 1 of your request:

Division	Subhead Item Desc:	Year		
		2015	2016	2017*
DMR North	Expenses of Persons Detained – Clothing/Meals	€15,134.02	€24,110.23	€21,786.51

* figures from 1/1/17 to 1/12/17, operational and liable to change

I am refusing Part (2) and Part (3) of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act. The Procurement Section have confirmed that there are no contract arrangements in place in the DMR North Division in relation to the provision of meals to Garda Stations for persons detained. The record therefore does not exist in respect of both Parts (2) and (3) of your FOI request.

I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Parts (2) and (3) of your request are 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-000526-2017**.

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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000526-2017 is included in the payment details.

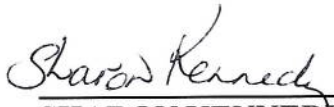
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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

19 DECEMBER, 2017