

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000529-2017 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 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 Freedom of Information Act 2014 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 is shown below:

### Original request:

*As it's public finance, just wondering where the money goes? I'm looking for financial records of dogs bought in the last 12 months*

### Clarified request:

*Just to clarify, are you making an official Freedom of information request for the amount of money spend on dogs for the Garda dog unit and what years are you looking for, Yes that's correct, for 2017 if possible*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate & the Garda Dog Unit within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records and we have been advised that 5 dogs have been purchased in 2017 and a cost of €4,750.

The table below shows the similar request that we have answered previously.

2015	2016	2017
FOI - 000181-2015	FOI - 000091-2016	FOI - 000019-2017
	FOI - 000118-2016	FOI - 000058-2017
	FOI - 000137-2016	
	FOI - 000460-2016	

These decisions have been published on the Garda website you can access these by following the link <http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15037&Lang=1> under the heading Finance General or Freedom of Information Office.

## 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-000529-2017**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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 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](http://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**

22 DECEMBER, 2017