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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000020-2020 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 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.

HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

Your request sought:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, I wish to request the following:*

- 1. The number of Segways in use by An Garda Síochána for each of the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, including the name and location of the Garda unit using them.*
- 2. The amount spent purchasing the Segways in each of these years.*
- 3. The amount spent maintaining or servicing the Segways in each of these years.*
- 4. The amount spent on insurance for the Segways in each of these years, if applicable, and what the insurance covers.*

5. *All correspondence since Jan 1, 2018, to and from the Garda unit that uses the Segways, relating to the Garda use of Segways but not related to the detection of individual crimes.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

On receipt your request was forwarded to the relevant sections An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request. For ease of reference your request has been numbered.

In response to part 1 and part 2 of your request two Segway's were purchased by the Dublin City Centre Business Association (DCCBA) in 2012 and were donated to An Garda Síochána. In 2014, two additional Segway's were purchased by Dublin Town and donated to An Garda Síochána. All four Segway's were subsumed into the Garda Fleet. The four Segways are currently in operation in the Dublin Metropolitan Region which are allocated to duty specifically in the Dublin 1 and 2 areas of the city centre.

Part 3 of your request sought "*The amount spent maintaining or servicing the Segways in each of these years*". The table below outlines the costs associated with the fitting of Garda markings, servicing and repairs of the four Segways:

Year	Cost(€)	Reason
2012	1640.76	Cost to fit Garda markings to two Segway's
2013	0	
2014	1640.76	Cost to fit Garda markings to two Segway's
2015	2568.11	Repairs and Servicing to two Segway's purchased in 2012
2016	944.30	Repairs to two Segway's purchased in 2014
2017	0	
2018	0	
2019	0	
2020	0	

In response to part 4 of your request "*The amount spent on insurance for the Segways in each of these years, if applicable, and what the insurance covers*". This office has been advised that there is no specific insurance policy for Garda Segways.

I am to advise that I am refusing part 5 of your request where you are seeking "*All correspondence since Jan 1, 2018, to and from the Garda unit that uses the Segways, relating to the Garda use of Segways but not related to the detection of individual crimes.*" in accordance with Part (1)(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act .

As outlined above, 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 the only records held by AGS that are subject to the FOI Act are those that relate to administrative matters concerning human resources, finance or procurement. In accordance with Part1 (n), all other records held by AGS are excluded.

## 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-000020-2020**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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:** 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-000020-2020 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**MARIA BRODIGAN**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020.