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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000383-2022 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 25th October, 2022 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:

Can you tell me the following information under the Freedom of information Act 2014

- 1. The amount that An Garda Síochána have spent on hiring out vehicle recovery services in each Division within DMR. To be further assistant what I am seeking as vehicle recovery services as when Gardai seized vehicles under Road Traffic Legislation in the years of 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form*
- 2. The name of the company that was awarded the contract to provide vehicle recovery services on behalf of AGS in each Division within DMR in tabular form*
- 3. When the contract to provide vehicle recovery services on behalf of AGS in each Garda Division within DMR will expire in tabular form*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 22nd November, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána where a search was conducted in respect of same and a number of records identified.

In respect of parts 1 and 2 of your request, the table below details the amount spent by An Garda Síochána on towing services within the DMR. The table also details the current contracted service provider in each Division

Division	Supplier	2020	2021	2022
DMR North	Gannons City Recovery	€187,317	€139,119	€162,212
DMR South	Gannons City Recovery	€317,323	€212,687	€107,158
DMR East	KFG (Kellys)	€67,532	€25,154	€29,777
DMR West	Gannons City Recovery	€331,728	€332,362	€234,832
DMR North Central	TBC – Ongoing Competition	€97,709	€93,811	€69,593
DMR South Central	Beahans Recovery	€117,915	€244,929	€138,740

In response to part 3 of your request, I can advise that contracts are awarded on foot of a procurement process and are issued to a single services provider in each lot for a term of one-year. The contracts reserves the right to extend any contract awarded on foot of this procurement process for a period or periods of up to one year with maximum of four such extensions or extensions on the same terms and conditions, subject to the contracting authority obligations at law. All the above contracts have/will be signed in 2022 and if all parties are in agreement for each of the four extensions, each contract will be valid until 2027.

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-000383-2022**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000383-2022) 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

20 NOVEMBER, 2022.