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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000393-2022 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 7th November, 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:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request that a copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information] be provided to me: The money collected from stated 179,882 Speeding Fines notices between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021 and any documents pertaining to the allocation of this money.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 2nd December, 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested.

I can advise that the amount of monies collected from Speeding Fine notices in the period 1st January2021 – 31st December 2021 is €13,228,840.

Monies collected from speeding notice fines are accounted for within the Appropriation Account of An Garda Síochána as "Fixed Charge Notice Receipts." Details pertaining to the allocation of "Fixed Charge Notices Receipts" are contained at Note 4.4 of the Garda Síochána Appropriation Account. The 2021 Appropriation Account can be found at:

https://www.audit.gov.ie/en/find-report/publications/2022/vote-20-garda-siochana.pdf

Therefore in accordance with Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act I wish to advise you that I am refusing to release the part of your request that sought "any documents pertaining to the allocation of this money" as it is already in the public domain. Section 15(1)(d) states that

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where – (d) the information is already in the public domain.

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-000393-2022.

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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-000393-2022) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

DECEMBER, 2022.