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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000181-2020 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 29th May, 2020 and received on 2nd June, 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.

Your request sought:

I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information relating to garda finances:

- a- The cost of running the Garda Air Support Unit in each of the first five months of 2020*
- b- The costs of running the Garda Air Support Unit in each of previous three years.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 4th June, 2020.

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 within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records.

The tables below details the cost of running the Garda Air Support Unit, this cost includes salaries, allowances maintenance and repairs of the respective unit.

Table A

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Garda Air Support Unit	€ 239,188	€ 183,042	€ 509,255	€ 276,288	€ 220,168

* The cost of running the Air Support Unit in each of the first five months of 2020 as of 3rd June 2020.

Table B

	2017	2018	2019
Garda Air Support Unit	€ 3,085,000	€ 3,714,276	€ 3,223,402

*The cost of running the Air Support Unit in each of the previous three years.

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-000181-2020**.

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

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

4th JUNE, 2020.