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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000324-2021 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 21st September, 2021 and received on 22nd September, 2021 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 am writing in regard to government spending on the Garda Dog Unit.

- *For the years 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2019/20, 2020/21, please provide the total expenditure on the Garda Dog Unit.*

If this can be broken down in any way, that would be much appreciated.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 11th October, 2021.

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 Finance Section of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records containing the information you have requested.

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I am refusing to release the figures for the years 2010 to 2020 in accordance with Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act. The information sought by you for those years was the subject of previous FOI requests. The decision reference numbers are as follows:

- FOI-000091-2016
- FOI-000164-2021

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

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.

As it is, the policy of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal requests that result in a release of records you may access these requests by following the link below.

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/freedom-of-information-office/freedom-of-information-foi-decision-logs.html>

In relation to the year 2021 (January to September) I can advise that the expenditure for the Garda Dog Unit is €1,073,963.

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-000324-2021**.

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-000324-2021 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

16 **OCTOBER, 2021.**