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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000408-2021 Granted

Deaí

I refer to your request, dated and received on 18th November, 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 wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I am seeking:

- 1. Details of the spend on safety gear (excluding PPE related to COVID-19) for gardai from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. Please include breakdown of the spend on PPE/safety gear as follows: riot helmets; riot shields; anti-stab vests; hi-vis garda jackets; knee protective pads and elbow protective pads.*
- 2. Details of clerical allowances paid to gardai between 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. Please include the total amount paid to gardai and the number of individual recipients.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 7th December, 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the relevant sections within An Garda Síochána who have briefed this Office in respect of same.

Part 1 of your request seeks details of the spend on safety gear for An Garda Síochána from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020, I can advise that the spend on safety gear is outlined in the table below.

| Safety Gear | Cost from 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Riot Helmets | €100,503.11 |
| Riot Shields | €8,662.41 |
| Anti-stab ballistic vests | €489,960.50 |
| High Vis Jackets | €132,608.00 |
| Arm/Leg/Thigh Protectors (knee and elbow pads are not purchased as PPE) | €55,164.00 |

The table below sets out the records sought in Part 2 of your request.

| Clerical Allowance 2020 | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Total Amount paid | €754,629 |
| No. of Recipients | 197 |

Clerical/Administrative Designated Post Allowance

A member who is employed in a "Garda" designated clerical/administrative post may receive a designated post allowance. A member occupying a (Civilian) non-designated post may be paid an ex-gratia sum, equivalent to the allowances mentioned at subsection (1), while he/she occupies such post. Eligibility for the ex-gratia sum will be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) That the member opted to transfer to outdoor duties; and
- (b) That it is not practicable to release the member from the post he/she occupies.

Only members who are employed in posts requiring attendance between 9.15am and 5.15pm on each day between Monday to Friday inclusive, e.g. Clerical posts or similar posts, will be entitled to receive the allowance (or the ex-gratia sum). Members who are in receipt of other allowances for special duties, will not be eligible to the paid allowance (or ex-gratia sum) under the terms of this section.

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-000408-2021**.

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-000408-2021 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



DECEMBER, 2021.