

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000066-2022 Request Part Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 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:

*Under the FOI Act 2014, we are seeking the following:*

- 1. Amount of money spent on ICT each year from 2014 to 2020 by An Garda Síochána. Please also provide the cost for individual Garda Stations as well.*
- 2. For Pearse Street and Store Street Garda Stations, please provide the following information in relation to all ICT including hardware but excluding mobile phones, laptops, desktops and peripheral devices provided to the employees, that has been procured between 1 January and 31 December 2021:*
  - the names of each company*
  - the contracts with each company*
  - name of the ICT provided by each company*
  - the cost per unit and the total costs for the software/hardware, and*
  - the duration of contracts and/or licenses.*

3. *The documents and communication related to the tender process for all ICT related to point 2.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 within An Garda Síochána.

The table below refers to point 1 of your request and outlines the total expenditure on ICT from 2014 to 2020.

Year		Total
2014	€	73,029,598.11
2015	€	86,480,893.58
2016	€	95,492,769.20
2017	€	77,976,567.97
2018	€	90,004,667.44
2019	€	110,818,881.69
2020	€	124,169,377.64

Garda financial management systems do not record expenditure against individual Garda stations.

As costs for individual stations are not recorded against expenditure I cannot provide you with a reply to part 2 and 3 of your request, as no records exist. In this regard, I am refusing the second element of part 1 of your request and parts 2 and 3 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests***

*15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken*

**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-000066-2022**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-0000066-2022) 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.

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**



**FEBRUARY, 2022.**