

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000092-2021 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021 and received on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 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:

*We are seeking the following information pursuant to the forementioned Acts which is within the ambit of both finance and procurement:*

- 1. Total amount spent by an Garda Síochána at Mourne Shooting Grounds Ltd., Boraghly, Loughmourne, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan for the years ending:*
  - 31st December 2019*
  - 31st December 2020*
  - 2021 to date*
- 2. Total amount spent by an Garda Síochána at shooting ranges in Ireland from 1st January 2014 - present.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search to establish what records were held in relation to your request.

In regard to Part 1 of your request wherein you sought “*Total amount spent by an Garda Síochána at Mourne Shooting Grounds Ltd., Boraghy, Loughmourne, Castleblaney, Co. Monaghan for the years ending:*

- 31st December 2019
- 31st December 2020
- 2021 to date

Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána have advised this office that following a search of the Financial Management System, no records have been identified in respect of this information sought by you.

Therefore, I wish to advise that I am refusing Part 1 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

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

I am also refusing to release records for the years 2014 to 2019 in relation to Part 2 of your request. I am doing so in accordance with section 15 (1) (i)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

*15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –  
(i) the request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requester where –  
(i) the records are available to the requestor concerned*

This information sought in respect of the years 2014 to 2019 was released to you in a previous Freedom of Information request (FOI-000444-2019).

The table below outlines the records requested for the years 2020 and 2021 to date in relation to Part 2 of your request wherein you sought “*Total amount spent by An Garda Síochána at shooting ranges in Ireland from 1st January 2014 - present.*

2020	2021 to date
€31,100	0

## 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-000092-2021**.

**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-000092-2021) 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](http://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

26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.