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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000440-2020 Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 24th November, 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 am seeking the following under the Freedom of Information Act -

- 1. The top 15 monetary sanctions imposed on Gardai to be found in breach of Garda discipline in 2020 and the nature of the breach of discipline in each case.*
- 2. The number of Gardai to be suspended from duty in 2020 and the reason for the suspension in each case.*
- 3. The number of Gardai to be found to be in breach of Garda discipline in 2020 and the total amount imposed in fines this year.*
- 4. The number of Gardai to be dismissed from the force this year and the reason in each case.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 21st December, 2020. I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

The Internal Affairs Section of An Garda Síochána were contacted to identify the information requested in your FOI Request. The tables below were provided by the aforementioned Section, these tables detail the information requested in part 1 and 2 of your request.

The Nature of the Garda Discipline Breach	Top 15 Monetary Sanctions Imposed on Members in Breach of Garda Discipline
1. Discreditable Conduct	4 Weeks Reduction in pay
2. Discreditable Conduct	€3,000
3. Falsehood/Prevarication	€2,500
4. Neglect of Duty	€1,800
5. Neglect of Duty	€1,800
6. Neglect of Duty	€1,200
7. Discreditable Conduct	€1200
8. Neglect of Duty	€1,100
9. Discreditable Conduct	1 Week Reduction in pay
10. Discreditable Conduct	€1,000
11. Criminal Conduct	€1,000
12. Discreditable Conduct	€850
13. Discreditable Conduct	€600
14. Abuse of Authority	€500
15. Abuse of Authority	€500

This office has been advised that there has been 42 members suspended in 2020 and the table below details the reasons.

Members Suspended & Reason for Suspension					
1	Inappropriate Association	15	Criminal Conduct	29	Discreditable Conduct
2	Discreditable Conduct	16	Criminal Conduct	30	Criminal Conduct
3	Discreditable Conduct	17	Criminal Conduct	31	Sexual Misconduct
4	Intoxication	18	Drug Related	32	Corrupt/Improper Practice
5	Intimation	19	Discreditable Conduct	33	Corrupt/Improper Practice
6	Discreditable Conduct	20	Criminal Conduct	34	Corrupt/Improper Practice
7	Discreditable Conduct	21	Criminal Conduct	35	Corrupt/Improper Practice
8	Discreditable Conduct	22	Abuse of Authority	36	Corrupt/Improper Practice

9	Discreditable Conduct	23	Dishonesty	37	Corrupt/Improper Practice
10	Misconduct Towards a Member	24	Criminal Conduct	38	Corrupt/Improper Practice
11	Discreditable Conduct	25	Fraud	39	Corrupt/Improper Practice
12	Criminal Conduct	26	Criminal Conduct	40	Criminal Conduct
13	Discreditable Conduct	27	Discreditable Conduct	41	Criminal Conduct
14	Criminal Conduct	28	Social Network Sites	42	Discreditable Conduct

Part 3 of your request sought “ *The number of Gardai to be found to be in breach of Garda discipline in 2020 and the total amount imposed in fines this year* ” I can now advise that there were 205 Garda members found in breach of discipline in 2020 and the total cost of imposed fines this year was €32,655.

I am refusing part 4 of your request in accordance with Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act as this part was subject of a previous request FOI-000421-2020.

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 is the policy of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal FOI requests that result in the release of records the requested information is already in the public domain and can be accessed by following the link below;

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/internal-audit/>

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-000440-2020**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000440-2020 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

21ST DECEMBER, 2020