

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000030-2021 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 19th January, 2021 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. I further refer to the clarification of your request received at this office on the 22nd January, 2021. Accordingly, your request has been amended and will commence from this date.

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:

Original Request:

In accordance with Section 7 of the above mentioned Act, I wish to request the following records which I believe to be held by An Garda Síochána

- 1. The amount of money spent on firearms and ammunition by An Garda Síochána.*
- 2. The amount of firearms decommissioned by An Garda Síochána.*

This should include all data from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2020.

Clarification of Part 2:

In this request I mean the decommissioning of firearms held by specialist units of An Garda Síochána.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 9th February 2021.

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 of An Garda Síochána where searches were conducted in respect of same.

In relation to the first part of your request I am refusing to provide records relating to the years 2015 to 2018. These records have been the subject of previous Freedom of Information requests (FOI-000126-2017 and FOI-000024-2019). It is the practice of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal requests including decision letters and records on our decision log. You may access the aforementioned FOI requests by following the link below:

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

As the records for years 2015 to 2018 are already in the public domain, I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Act:

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.

Please see table below details the total spend on munitions for 2019 and 2020.

Total Expenditure on Munitions	
2019	€1,593,246
2020	€2,692,030

As previously outlined above, 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. Operational policing matters do not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. I am therefore refusing the release of records relating to the decommissioning of firearms held by specialist units of An Garda Síochána as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

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-000030-2021**.

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-000030-2021 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 wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER



FEBRUARY, 2021.