

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000083-2020 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 17th February, 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I would like to request the total amount paid to GoSafe for a speed-camera operation in (a) 2017, (b) 2018 and (c) 2019.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 27th February, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request, the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána was contacted and the records detailed in the table below were provided.

Year	2017	2018	2019
Amount	€14,555,936	€14,707,009	€14,760,600

Since 2010, An Garda Síochána has contributed to making roads safer through the use of safety cameras, using 'GoSafe' service provider to operate them on its behalf. The primary purpose of safety cameras is to reduce speed related collisions, lessen injuries and save lives.

GoSafe provide a minimum of 7,400 enforcement hours and a maximum of 100 survey hours per month across the country. For the 7,400 enforcement hours, the cameras operate from vans which are marked with high visibility reflective material and display a safety camera symbol.

The survey hours will be conducted from unmarked vans, in order to accurately observe and record the speeds at which vehicles are currently travelling, for survey purposes only.

Further information in respect of safety cameras and their locations is available on the Garda website and may be accessed by following the attached link:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/roads-policing/safety-cameras/launch-of-new-safety-camera-zones-from-06-00-on-monday-17th-february-2020.html>

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-000083-2020**.

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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account

Account Number: 10026896

Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000083-2020) 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,



MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

27th FEBRUARY, 2020