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**Mr Darren Hassett**

## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000055-2017 Request Granted

*Dear Mr Hassett,*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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'm requesting information on how many new Garda recruits have been assigned to each county since the moratorium on recruitment lifted [January 1, 2014] to the present day and how many retirees were there for each county between the same dates?*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.**

Following a search of records within the Human Resource and People Management Section, the figures shown at Appendix A and Appendix B are provided in response to your FOI Request.

The figures provided at Appendix A show a breakdown of the number of Garda Probationers (recruits) assigned across operational Garda Divisions with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 (inclusive). Appendix B provides a breakdown of Garda

retirements between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 (inclusive), also by Garda Divisions.

Garda resources are continually monitored and reviewed by the Garda Commissioner to ensure the optimum use is made of Garda resources and the best possible service is provided to the general public by An Garda Síochána. The allocation and transfer of Gardaí is determined by a number of factors, including crime workload, minimum establishment, population, area, policing arrangements, operational strategies and transfers applications, including welfare issues. The resourcing of each Garda Region is fully considered within the overall context of the needs and requirements of Garda Regions throughout the country. The commitment to Garda recruitment allows the Commissioner to allocate new Garda members to areas requiring further resourcing as they become available. Once the probationer Gardaí are allocated this allows a small number of Gardaí to transfer out. The consequential transfers are granted in respect of the areas who have not received probationers.

As previously advised in your similar request (FOI-000243-2016), the six operational Regions contain 29 Divisions, inclusive of DMR Traffic Division. Specialist Sections, for example Serious Crime Operations, Garda Headquarters and the Garda College are not included in the six Garda Operational Regions.

The Garda Divisions do not necessarily align with county borders. For example within County Cork there are 3 Garda divisions (Cork North, Cork City and Cork West) while conversely other Garda Divisions may comprise of more than one county such as Sligo/Leitrim or Kilkenny/Carlow. In accordance with this geographical layout, the figures provide a breakdown of the number of Garda probationers and retirements on a Garda Divisional basis.

## **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-000055-2017**.

*Freedom of Information, 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:** IE86B0F190001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000055-2017) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **SUPERINTENDENT.**  
**HELEN DEELY.**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.**

 **MARCH, 2017**

***Appendix A – Allocation of Garda Probationers by Division between 01/01/2014 and 02/03/2017***

<b>Division</b>	<b>Probationers</b>
<b>Cavan / Monaghan</b>	21
<b>Clare</b>	15
<b>Cork City</b>	20
<b>Cork North</b>	5
<b>Cork West</b>	5
<b>D.M.R. East</b>	38
<b>D.M.R. North</b>	66
<b>D.M.R. North Central</b>	78
<b>D.M.R. South</b>	65
<b>D.M.R. South Central</b>	77
<b>D.M.R. West</b>	76
<b>Donegal</b>	13
<b>Galway</b>	9
<b>Kerry</b>	15
<b>Kildare</b>	45
<b>Kilkenny/Carlow</b>	24
<b>Laois / Offaly</b>	36
<b>Limerick</b>	33
<b>Louth</b>	42
<b>Mayo</b>	3
<b>Meath</b>	36
<b>Roscommon/Longford</b>	5
<b>Sligo / Leitrim</b>	13
<b>Tipperary</b>	24
<b>Waterford</b>	24
<b>Westmeath</b>	17
<b>Wexford</b>	28
<b>Wicklow</b>	9
<b>Total</b>	842



*Appendix B –Garda Retirements by Division between 01/01/2014 and 20/02/2017*

Division	Garda	Sergeant	Inspector	Superintendent	Chief Superintendent	Assistant Commissioner	Total
<b>Cavan / Monaghan</b>	16	12			1		29
<b>Clare</b>	7	1	2				10
<b>Cork City</b>	21	15				1	37
<b>Cork North</b>	11	3		1			15
<b>Cork West</b>	9	5		1	1		16
<b>D.M.R. East</b>	12	6	2	2			22
<b>D.M.R. North</b>	15	7	8	1			31
<b>D.M.R. North Central</b>	3	9	1	1			14
<b>D.M.R. Office</b>	3	1		1			5
<b>D.M.R. South</b>	15	7	1	1	1		25
<b>D.M.R. South Central</b>	12	8	2	1			23
<b>D.M.R. Traffic Division</b>	7	3	3	1			14
<b>D.M.R. West</b>	12	10	3		1		26
<b>Donegal</b>	25	11	1				37
<b>Galway</b>	16	6	1	1			24
<b>Kerry</b>	10	6			1		17
<b>Kildare</b>	13	11			1		25
<b>Kilkenny/Carlow</b>	12	2		1			15
<b>Laois / Offaly</b>	19	5		1			25
<b>Limerick</b>	23	5	1	1			30
<b>Louth</b>	12	6		1	2		21
<b>Mayo</b>	15	2	1				18
<b>Meath</b>	7	13	2	1			23

Division	Garda	Sergeant	Inspector	Superintendent	Chief Superintendent	Assistant Commissioner	Total
<b>Roscommon / Longford</b>	5	6					<b>11</b>
<b>Sligo / Leitrim</b>	17	5	1			1	<b>24</b>
<b>Tipperary</b>	7	8	2	2			<b>19</b>
<b>Waterford</b>	6	4			1		<b>11</b>
<b>Westmeath</b>	7	4					<b>11</b>
<b>Wexford</b>	11	5					<b>16</b>
<b>Wicklow</b>	8	4	3		2		<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>611</b>