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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000063-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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:

*"The number of riot helmets, riots shields, anti-stab vests, Hi Vis Garda Jackets, knee protective pads, elbow protective pads that An Garda Síochána purchased in the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and to-date in 2016."*

I have now made a final decision to partially grant your request.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The specialist equipment assigned to each member of An Garda Síochána serves an operational requirement within the environment in which they operate. Equipment such as Riot Helmets, Riot Shields and Protective Pads are required in highly volatile situations to protect Garda members when dealing with public disorder and violent incidents. The equipment serves as a protective measure in these types of situations allowing Gardaí to carry out their functions to protect society and preserve the peace.





