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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000131-2016 Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submissions to this body, dated 5th April 2016 and received on 5th April 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 is shown below:-

- *The total amount paid or payable under the contract pursuant to a tender advertised on 27th November 2015 for the supply and delivery of public order equipment*
- *The name of the successful tenderer who was awarded the contract*
- *The total amount paid for public order equipment of the type described in the tender by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2013, 2014 and 2015*

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent wish to inform you that your request is **granted**.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions

An Garda Síochána along with other employers has legal responsibilities in respect of the safety of the staff in their employment. The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 sets out the main provisions for securing and improving the safety, health and welfare at work of employees and other persons affected or may be affected by work related activities. It is of paramount importance to Garda management that members are equipped with the proper personal protective equipment in order to ensure their safety and to allow them to carry out their duty to protect the public to the highest possible standard.

All items for the Public Order Unit must be PPE compliant as per EU Directive 89/686/EEC and meet the following standards to the relevant products: EN 13688/2003 - Protective Clothing, EN ISO 11612 – flame retardant standard, ISO 20345 S3 – safety shoes.

The first part of your request sought the *'total amount paid or payable under the contract pursuant to a tender advertised on 27th November 2015 for the supply and delivery of public order equipment'*

Following an evaluation process for the tender for the procurement of public order equipment, I can now advise you that the value of the proposal in this regard was €66,567.60 (incl. Vat).

You subsequently sought *the name of the successful tenderer who was awarded the contract*. Andreco Safety Ireland Ltd. was the successful tenderer in this process and the outcome of the tender was published on e-tenders. The contract is valid from December 2015 to December 2016.

The last part of your request is seeking the *'total amount paid for public order equipment of the type described in the tender by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2013, 2014 and 2015'*.

The total amount paid for public order equipment in these years is set out below:

2013	2014	2015
€388.00	€86.00	€81,481.35 *

*The items public order equipment was supplied within one week of the awarding of the contract and accounts for the significant increase in costs in 2015.

The remaining monies were spent in purchasing public order equipment due to ongoing operational/training needs in 2015 prior to the commencement and awarding of the contract.

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 **F01-000131-2016**.

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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 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

 **SUPERINTENDENT**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

3rd May 2016