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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000196-2016

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and received on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

Part 1 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 details of all corresponding purchase order information for all periods since the publication of the Q1 2015 purchase orders report. This should include any information that would have appeared in the reports for Q2, Q3 and Q4 2015 as well as Q1 2016 had these purchase order returns have been published.’*

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent wish to inform you that your request has been **refused** on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

Section 15(1)(d) of the Freedom of Information Act states that:

*'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'*

The purchase order reports for Q2, Q3 and Q4 of 2015 have been published and are available on the Garda website. You may access these Purchase Order Returns by following the attached link: <http://garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=55&Lang=1> and viewing the bottom right hand side of the screen.

Purchase orders are published 3 months after each quarter and therefore the purchase order information for Q1 of 2016 are due to be published in July of this year.

In this regard I am refusing this aspect of your request under Section 15(1)(f) wherein it states:

*'A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –  
(f) the FOI body intends to publish the record and such publication is intended to be effect not later than 6 weeks after the receipt of the request by the head'*

## **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 **F01-000196-2016**.

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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:** BOFIIIE2D

**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](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.**

**14<sup>th</sup> June 2016**