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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000102-2025 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 19th February, 2025 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 am requesting the following records: -

- 1. The total amount spent on Garda rank overtime in each of the calendar years 2016 to 2024 inclusive.*

While annual overtime data is published for the total Garda workforce, this request is for annual data relating to Gardai at Garda rank only.

- 2. The average number of Gardai at Garda rank in An Garda Síochána across each of the calendar years 2016 to 2024 inclusive.*

I wish to advise that I have made a decision to part-grant your request on the 18th March, 2025. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt your request was forwarded to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochaná who conducted a search for records relating to your request. The table below contains the records sought in part 1 of your request.

Year	Total Overtime Paid to Garda Rank Members
2016	66,863,700.00
2017	98,101,933.00
2018	87,752,213.00
2019	78,684,129.00
2020	71,741,012.00
2021	82,532,539.00
2022	92,728,556.00
2023	132,170,379.00
2024	141,654,525.00

I am refusing part 2 of your request pursuant to Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act as the records sought by you are published on the Garda website so are already in the public domain. Staffing figures and statistics are published for the years requested. You can access these records by following the attached link;

<https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/our-departments/human-resources-and-people-development/garda-hr-directorate/>

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15. (1) 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

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-000102-2025**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D


You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000102-2025 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

18 MARCH, 2025.