

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000454-2016 Request Refused

*Dear Mr. O'Regan,*

I refer to your request dated and received on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by An Garda Síochána.

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, finance or procurement matters”. Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request is shown below:-

- 1. The total amount paid out in lump sums payments to retiring members of An Garda Síochána in each of the past five years. This would also include the number of retirees entitled to lump sum payment in each of the past five years.*
- 2. The top five highest individual payments made in each of the past five years. This would include the rank of each member of the force at the time of their retirement.*
- 3. The number of retirees who received lump sums in excess of €100,000 in each of the past five years. Again, this would include the rank of the officer in each case.*
- 4. The number of retired members of the force receiving annual pension payments in excess of €100,000, and the number of retirees earning between €70,000 and €99,000.*
- 5. What is the average annual pension payment currently received by (a) a rank-and-file Gardai (b) Sergeant (c) Inspector (d) Superintendent (e) Chief Superintendent (f) Assistant Commissioner (g) Deputy Commissioner (h) Commissioner.*

*To be clear, each of the above requests would also include figures pertaining to 2016, up to and including data for the month of November.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

I advise that the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána carried out searches for records in relation to your request. As a result of these searches revealed that An Garda Síochána hold partial records with respect to your request.

On the retirement of a member, the gross gratuity payment under the terms of the of the scheme is calculated. The details are then passed to the Department of Justice and Equality who may apply deductions to arrive at the actual gratuity amount. These records are retained by the Department of Justice and Equality.

On the basis of the above, I advise that request is more relevant to the Department of Justice and Equality and should be addressed to:

Information Officer  
Department of Justice and Equality  
51 St. Stephen's Green  
Dublin 2  
D02 HK52

Email: [foi@justice.ie](mailto:foi@justice.ie)

### **2. Rights 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-000454-2016**.

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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

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**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](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

  
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**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2016