Mr. Dan Griffin,
The Irish Times.

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000343-2017
Request Refusal

Dear Mr. Griffin,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 2\textsuperscript{nd} August, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. This request was transferred to this office from the Department of Justice and Equality on 2\textsuperscript{nd} August, 2017.

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:

Details of the number of people arrested at Dublin Airport in the past three years, broken down by year, and the reasons why they were arrested.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 3\textsuperscript{rd} August, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

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 is in relation to
an operational policing matter which does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. I advise that An Garda Síochána became subject to Freedom of Information under the FOI Act, 2014. Under Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act a number of agencies were defined as “partially included” and An Garda Síochána is listed as one of them.

The FOI Act specifically states that An Garda Síochána is subject to the Act in relation to “administrative records relating to human resources, finance or procurement matters” only.

The term "administrative records" is understood to mean records relating to the processes of running and managing a business or organisation.

As a result the FOI Act excludes operational policing business as opposed to the defined administrative processes of An Garda Síochána.

The records you are requesting relate to operational policing matters and do not meet the criteria of administrative records as defined above. Therefore your request must be refused.

I am therefore refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

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 F01-000343-2017.


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: BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000343-2017 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 into 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
ANTHONY M. O’DONNELL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE

4 AUGUST, 2017