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Mr. Stephen McDermott

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000349-2017 Request Refused

Dear Mr. McDermott,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 8th August 2017 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:

I would like to request information and details of costs related to the implementation of the new Drager Drugtest 5000 system, specifically:

- The cost of any research into the implementation of the Drager Drugtest 5000 system*
- The number of Drager Drugtest 5000 testing kits purchased by An Garda Síochána*
- The cost of each Drager Drugtest 5000 testing kit purchased by An Garda Síochána*
- Any cost to An Garda Síochána of advertising the implementation of the new Drager Drugtest 5000 system*
- Any other costs related to the implementation of the Drager Drugtest 5000 system (e.g. Administrative costs such as postage of kits; or any tendering process)*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 15th August 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were forwarded to the Procurement Section within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records relating to your request.

I have been advised that the records you have sought are not held by the Procurement Section. I can advise however, that these items were purchased by the Medical Bureau of Road Safety and provided to An Garda Síochána. In this regard, I must refuse your request pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI request

*15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where
(a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

However you may direct your query to the Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS), who may be in a position to assist you. The MBRS can be contacted at:

Medical Bureau of Road Safety, Health Science Centre, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4

Telephone Number: 353 1 7165555

Email: forensic.medicine@ucd.ie

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 **F01-000349-2017**.

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: 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.

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

15TH AUGUST 2017