Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000428-2017
Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 26th September 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. Your original request was subsequently clarified with this office on 29th September 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:

'I wish to seek records (from November, 1st, 2016 to the present date) in relation to the opening of the Garda Museum situated at Dublin Castle and the reason why it is not open.'

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 23rd October 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.
1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, a search was conducted in the Housing Section of An Garda Síochána and also in the office of the Deputy Commissioner for Governance and Strategy where a number of records were identified and forwarded to this office.

On review of the records identified, I am to advise you that I am refusing your request in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act which, as previously, advised 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.

The records identified do not relate to human resources, finance or procurement matters and therefore are deemed outside the scope of the FOI Act.

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 F01-000428-2017.


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: BOFIEIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (F01-000428-2017) 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 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,

Helen Deely
Superintendent
Freedom of Information Officer

26th October 2017