An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000442-2017 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 11th October, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that the 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:

2) The permanent strength of An Garda Síochána (excluding Garda Reserves and civilian personnel within AGS) as of 31st December 2010, 2013, 2014. 2015, 2016 and 30th September 2017

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 31st October 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The Garda Síochána publish an annual report on the Garda website each year which contains the strengths and allocations of the Garda staff broken down by Garda members, Garda Reserves and Civilian staff. The strengths are published in the Human Resources section of the annual reports. The Garda Síochána Annual Reports from 1947 to 2016 can be accessed through the Garda website at www.garda.ie and navigate to the **Publications** section.

The figures for 2017 are provided below on Table 1 as of 30th September 2017. I have included the figures for previous years for your ease of reference. Table 1 does not include civilian staff of Garda Reserves.

Table 1
Number of Sworn Members of the Garda Síochána for years 2012 to 2017 *

Rank	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total	13,412	12,943	12,816	12,799	13,093	13,424

^{*}figures are up to 30th September 2017

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-000442-2017.

Freedom of Information Office, Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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: BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000442-2017 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 the 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 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,

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

31st October 2017