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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000068-2015 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and to your submissions to this Body, dated and received on the 19th of October 2015.

Part 1 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, or finance or procurement matters”. Therefore, only administrative records that relate to human resources, finance or procurement shall be considered.

Your request is show below:

- “1) The number of requests for the cancellation of fixed processing charges for speeding that were received since the decision-making process was centralised in the Fixed Charges processing office in Thurles in September 2014*
- 2) The number of requests for the cancellation of fixed processing charges for speeding that were granted since the decision-making process was centralised in the Fixed Charges processing office in Thurles in September 2014*
- 3) The number of requests for the cancellation of fixed processing charges for speeding that were declined since the decision-making process was centralised in the Fixed Charges processing office in Thurles in September 2014*
- 4) The reasons given for the cancellation of each of the fixed processing charges for speeding since the decision-making process was centralised in the Fixed Charges processing office in Thurles in September 2014*
- 5) Copies of any further audits carried out by Gardai Professional Standards Unit on the operation of the new system for processing appeals against fixed charges for speeding*

in the Fixed Charges processing office in Thurles (excluding the audit which was published in January 2015)"

I, [redacted] have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 12th November 2015

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

As An Garda Síochána is listed as a partially included Agency under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 "*insofar as it relates to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters*" and the information you have sought refer to operational policing matters and falls outside these areas I am precluded by the Act in releasing this information.

Criminal Justice (Fixed Charge Processing System) Working Group was established following the Garda Inspectorate's review of the Fixed Charge Processing System. The function of the Criminal Justice (FCPS) Working Group is to oversee and facilitate the implementation of the recommendations of the Report on the Fixed Charge Processing System. The remit of the Working Group has been extended to include oversight of a number of the recommendations of the Garda Professional Standards Unit Examination of the Procedures, Policy and Decision Making Processes in Relation to Cancellations on the Fixed Charge Processing System of Road Traffic Related Offences. Further information on this working group and any additional reports may be available from the Department of Justice and Equality.

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-000068-2015**.

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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
IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896
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.

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

Freedom of Information Office

12th November 2015