

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000173-2015

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 2nd December 2015 and received on the 2nd December 2015.

Part 1 of 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 shown below:

I would like to apply under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act for the following records held by the Garda:

- *Copy of briefing material prepared for the Garda officers who appeared before the joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Sport and Tourism on Wednesday, November, 25th, 2015.*

I understand a member of staff from this office spoke to you with regard to your request and advised you that the minutes from this particular Committee meeting were available on the Oireachtas webstie. However you advised that you are anxious to pursue with your request.

I now wish to inform you that your request has been **refused**.

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

As previously advised, An Garda Síochána is 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*”. After reviewing your request, I have decided that the information you have sought including briefing material prepared for Garda officers who appeared before the

Joint Oireachtas Committee, refers to operational policing matters and falls outside these areas. Therefore, the records sought by you fall outside the scope of the Act.

2. Rights 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 **F01-000173-2015**.

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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: IE86B0F190001710026896
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 OFFICER.

8th December 2015