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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000178-2015 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and to your submissions to this Body, dated 7th December 2015 and received on the 8th December 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.

On the N87 between Swanlinbar and Bawnboy a speed camera van is sometimes in operation. I request

- 1. The number of days in each of 2013, 2014 and so far this year the speed camera van has been in operation in this area.*
- 2. For the same timeframe as per (1), the amount of speeding offences the van has recorded.*
- 3. The speed tolerance on the vehicles camera equipment i.e. the minimum speed a vehicle would have to be travelling at to receive a speeding ticket. All stretches of the road mentioned are 100 km/h.*

In addition I would like to voice my concern over the placement of this vehicle. In my opinion the placement of this vehicle is highly ineffective. The speed camera van is, in my day to day commuting, positioned after an extremely sharp corner. In my opinion would be impossible to navigate this corner at near the speed limit, hence, virtually all motorists will have to be within the speed limit, rendering the purpose of the van, of enforcing road safety, useless. I believe that placement of the speed camera van in the town of Swanlinbar would be massively more effective in enforcing road safety. There is a primary school and zebra crossing and vehicles regularly vastly exceed a safe and legal speed. I would appreciate if this would be

forwarded to the appropriate department as to enforce road safety and effectively utilize your resources.

I have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 8th December 2015

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

As stated above, An Garda Siochana 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"*.

The operation of the Safety Cameras is an operational matter that falls under the remit of the Garda National Traffic Bureau. As the information you have sought relates to operational matters, which are outside the scope of the Act I am precluded from providing you with the requested information.

With regard to your comments on the location on the safety camera, I am advised by the Garda National Traffic Bureau that the decision to locate safety cameras is based on collision statistics. The Garda website contains an interactive map displaying all camera locations at <http://www.garda.ie/GoSafe.htm> . The collision statistics for a location can be displayed by clicking on the relevant area on the map.

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-000178-2015**.

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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 Siochana Finance Section Public Bank Account
Account Number: 10026896
Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: 1E86B0F190001710026896
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

8th December 2015