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Láithreán Gréasain/Website: www.garda.ie

Ríomh-phoist:/Email: foi@garda.ie

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000183-2015 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to this body dated 1st December 2015 and to our email of 4th December to which no response was received.

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:

"1) All emails and correspondences between the company 'GO SAFE' and An Garda Síochána relating to Purchase Orders made in the 3rd Quarter of 2014.

2) All contracts made between 'GO SAFE' and An Garda Síochána relating to Purchase Orders made in the 3rd Quarter of 2014."

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

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

I am refusing your request on the basis that the records referred to do not exist.

Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 is as follows:

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—
- (a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken.

The Procurement Section of An Garda Síochána advise that the payments referred to in your request are for the provision of services by Go Safe under a long term contract. Therefore, there are no specific purchase orders or contracts in existence relating to the payments made in the 3rd Quarter of 2014.

In accordance with the requirements of section 15(1) (a), of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I must therefore refuse your request on this basis.

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-000183-2015**.

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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.

15th December 2015