# An Garda Síochána

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# Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000234-2016 Request Refusal

#### Dear

I refer to your original request, dated 13th June 2016 and received in this office on 22nd June 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 for records held by An Garda Síochána.

This office subsequently wrote to you on 28th June 2016 seeking clarification in relation to your request to which you replied on 5th July 2016.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act 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 sought:

"I was just watching the RTE-TV-NEWS according to the item- you claim you are working closely with Transparency International Ireland and other similar organisations- due to recent scandals relating to An Garda Síochána. I would like to see transcript of your report under the F.O.I. "Act."

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **refuse** your request on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

#### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act 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. In this regard, the information you are seeking does not fall within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

#### 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 F01-000234-2016.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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:** BOFHE2D

# 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,

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

**S** July 2016