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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000243-2016 Granted

Dear ,

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 30th June 2016 and received and clarified on 4th July 2016.

Part 1(n) 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’m requesting information on the number of Garda retirements across the six Garda regions since the moratorium on recruitment lifted.

And where possible, a breakdown by County.

The specific start date would be from January 9, 2014 to present day.’

I now wish to inform you that I have made a decision to **grant** your request on this date.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Following a search of records within the Human Resource and People Development Section, the figures shown at Appendix A and Appendix B are provided in response to your FOI Request.

The figures provided at Appendix A show a breakdown of the number of Garda retirements across the six operational Garda Regions with effect from 9th January 2014 to 4th July 2016 (inclusive). For policing purposes the country is divided into 6 regions, each of which is commanded by an Assistant Commissioner.

The 6 regions are:

- Dublin Metropolitan Region
- Northern Region
- Western Region
- Eastern Region
- Southern Region
- South Eastern Region

The duties of the regional Assistant Commissioners are mainly operational. They are responsible for ensuring the operational efficiency of their respective Region and the quality of operational management exercised by their Divisional and District Officers. Each Region is divided into divisions commanded by a Chief Superintendent. The six operational Regions contain 29 Divisions, inclusive of DMR Traffic Division. Specialist Sections, for example National Supports Services, Garda Headquarters and the Garda College are not included in the six Regions.

You have also sought to obtain a breakdown of retirement figures by County, where possible and I understand a member of my staff contacted you in this regard to explain the geographical layout of Garda divisions. The geographical layout of the six Regions is shown on the Garda website at

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=21&Lang=1>.

The Garda divisions do not necessarily align with county borders. For example within County Cork there are 3 Garda divisions (Cork North, Cork City and Cork West) while conversely other Garda divisions may comprise of more than one county such as Sligo/Leitrim or Kilkenny/Carlow. In accordance with this geographical layout, the figures supplied at Appendix B provide a breakdown of the number of retirements on a Garda divisional basis per Garda Region.

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 **F01-000243-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
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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

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number is included in the payment details.

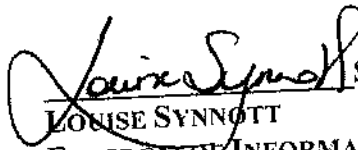
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**
LOUISE SYNNOTT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

 **JULY 2016 .**

Appendix B

Garda Retirements between 09/01/2014 and 04/07/2016 by Garda Division

Region	Divison	Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner	Assistant Commissioner	Chief Superintendent	Superintendent	Inspector	Sergeant	Garda	Totals
D.M.R.	D.M.R. EASTERN	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	11	18
D.M.R.	D.M.R. NORTH CENTRAL	0	0	0	0	1	2	8	5	16
D.M.R.	D.M.R. NORTHERN	0	0	0	0	1	7	7	22	37
D.M.R.	D.M.R. SOUTH CENTRAL	0	0	0	0	2	1	7	23	33
D.M.R.	D.M.R. SOUTHERN	0	0	0	1	1	1	6	19	28
D.M.R.	D.M.R. TRAFFIC DIVISION	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	7	14
D.M.R.	D.M.R. WESTERN	0	0	0	1	0	3	9	17	30
EASTERN	KILDARE	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	13	24
EASTERN	LAOIS/OFFALY	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	18	24
EASTERN	MEATH	0	0	0	0	1	2	10	6	19
EASTERN	WESTMEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	8
EASTERN	WICKLOW	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	12	18
NORTHERN	CAVAN/MONAGHAN	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	14	25
NORTHERN	DONEGAL	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	19	30
NORTHERN	LOUTH	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	14	22
NORTHERN	SLIGO/ LEITRIM	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	16	23

Region	Divison	Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner	Assistant Commissioner	Chief Superintendent	Superintendent	Inspector	Sergeant	Garda	Totals
SOUTH EASTERN	KILKENNY/ CARLOW	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	12	16
SOUTH EASTERN	TIPPERARY	0	0	0	0	2	2	8	12	24
SOUTH EASTERN	WATERFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9
SOUTH EASTERN	WEXFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14	18
SOUTHERN	CORK CITY	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	21	33
SOUTHERN	CORK NORTH	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	11	14
SOUTHERN	CORK WEST	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	9	15
SOUTHERN	KERRY	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	11	18
SOUTHERN	LIMERICK	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	25	32
WESTERN	CLARE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	9
WESTERN	GALWAY	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	19	25
WESTERN	MAYO	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	13	17
WESTERN	ROSCOMMON/L ONGFORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	9
	Totals	0	0	2	9	16	31	166	384	608

**Figures provided in appendix B are provisional and liable to change*

APPENDIX A*

Garda Retirements between 09/01/2014 and 04/07/2016 by Garda Region

Region	Rank								Totals
	Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner	Assistant Commissioner	Chief Superintendent	Superintendent	Inspector	Sergeant	Garda	
D.M.R.	0	0	0	2	6	19	45	104	176
EASTERN	0	0	0	3	2	4	31	53	93
NORTHERN	0	0	1	3	1	2	30	63	100
SOUTH EASTERN	0	0	0	0	3	2	19	43	67
SOUTHERN	0	0	1	1	3	1	29	77	112
WESTERN	0	0	0	0	1	3	12	44	60
Grand Total	0	0	2	9	16	31	166	384	608

**Figures provided in appendix A are provisional and liable to change and only refer to the 29 operational divisions contained within the six Regions.*