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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000368-2016 Request Granted

**Dear**

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 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 is shown below:

- (1) Number of Regional Interview boards in 1st round.*
- (2) How many applicants attended for Interview at each board?*
- (3) Number of applicants that were successful at each Regional interview board*
- (4) How many applicants progressed to second stage nationally?*
- (5) What was the qualifying mark for progression at each board*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

On receipt your request was forwarded to Human Resources and People Development to conduct a search for the relevant records.

Human Resources and People Development have advised that the Sergeant - Inspector Promotions Competition 2016 consisted of 4 regional interview boards in the first round. Table A below summarises number of applicants interviewed and the success rate for each of the boards.

**Table A – Regional Boards Results**

<b>Board</b>	<b>Applicants Interviewed</b>	<b>Applicants who Progressed</b>
Board1 (Connaught/Ulster)	65	31
Board 2 (Munster/Leinster)	145	69
Board 3 (HQ/DMR 1)	92	47
Board 4 (DMR 2)	113	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>204</b>

The qualifying mark for progression was a minimum score of 175 for all Regional Boards and each Regional Board was given the same percentage of candidates to qualify for the Central Board.

#### **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 **FOI-000368-2016**

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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

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**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000368-2016) 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](http://www.garda.ie).

Personal details in respect of your request will be removed to protect confidentiality where applicable.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.**

1<sup>st</sup> **NOVEMBER, 2016**