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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000449-2016 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated the 2nd December 2016 and received on the 5th December 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

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:

- *'The top 15 monetary sanctions imposed on Gardaí to be found in breach of Garda discipline in 2015 and the nature of the breach of discipline in each case.*
- *The number of Gardaí to be suspended from duty in 2016 and the reason for the suspension.*
- *The number of Gardaí to be dismissed from duty in 2016 and the reason for their dismissal.*
- *The number of Gardaí to be found to be breach of Garda discipline in 2016 and the total amount imposed in fines this year.*
- *The top ten fines imposed in 2016.'*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 27th December, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

With regard to your first question the information was requested from the discipline section. The type of discipline breach is recorded as per the Garda Síochána (Discipline) Regulations 2007 (as amended).

- *The top 15 monetary sanctions imposed on Gardaí to be found in breach of Garda discipline in 2015 and the nature of the breach of discipline in each case.*

1. Disobedience of Orders, Falsehood/Prevarication and Corrupt/Improper Practice – received a total temporary reduction in pay of €16,151.00
2. Neglect of Duty and Discreditable Conduct - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €9,690.60
3. Discreditable Conduct - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €4,000.00
4. Discreditable Conduct - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €3,814.12
5. Neglect of Duty - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €2,600.00
6. Discreditable Conduct and Breach of Confidence - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €2,000.00
7. Breach of Confidence - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €1,600.00
8. Neglect of Duty - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €800.00
9. Neglect of Duty - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €800.00
10. Discreditable Conduct - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €750.00
11. Neglect of Duty and Discreditable Conduct - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €750.00
12. Neglect of Duty - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €730.00
13. Discreditable Conduct - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €700.00
14. Neglect of Duty - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €700.00
15. Neglect of Duty - received a total temporary reduction in pay of €700.00

With regard to your second question the information was requested from the discipline section. The figures provided refer to the actual number suspended in 2016 and not the numbers who were on suspension in 2016 as that could include individuals on suspension from previous years.

- *The number of Gardaí to be suspended from duty in 2016 and the reason for the suspension.*

There were 8 members of An Garda Síochána suspended during 2016 for a range of different reasons all of which were under criminal investigation. Of the 8 members suspended one member resigned and 1 member had their suspension lifted. 6 cases are

still ongoing and subject to both criminal and disciplinary investigations. The reasons for suspension included allegations of theft/fraud, harassment and sexual assault.

- *The number of Gardai to be dismissed from duty in 2016 and the reason for their dismissal.*

There were no members of An Garda Síochána dismissed during 2016.

- *The number of Gardai to be found to be breach of Garda discipline in 2016 and the total amount imposed in fines this year.*

There were a total of 130 members found in breach of Discipline during 2016.
The total temporary reduction in pay imposed was €40,565.19

- *The top ten fines imposed in 2016.*

The top 10 fines imposed in 2016 are as follows;

1. €4,245.10
2. €4,037.75
3. €3,230.20
4. €3,000
5. €3,000
6. €2,500
7. €1,250
8. €849.20
9. €840.40
10. €800.00

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 **F01-000449-2016**.

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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

IBAN: IE86B0F190001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000449-2016 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.

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**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

29TH DECEMBER 2016