

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000228-2017 Transfer of Request

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 20th May, 2017 and received on 22nd May, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

- *A list of all the buildings that An Garda Síochána is currently renting in each of counties Roscommon, Leitrim and Longford, including details of the annual rent payable, the length of each lease, the name and address of each building, the name and address of each owner, and An Garda Síochána's current use of each building.*

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is the property owner and building agent of An Garda Síochána. The vast majority of Garda Stations and facilities are owned by the OPW.

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Contracts for works to build new Garda Stations or undertake refurbishments are procured directly by the OPW.

Where An Garda Síochána occupies a leased property, the OPW is the lessee and is responsible for all matters relating to the procurement of the lease and the payment of the lease costs. An Garda Síochána has no role in the procurement or funding of properties leased on behalf of An Garda Síochána by the OPW.

Section 29 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides that the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána may enter, on behalf of An Garda Síochána, into a contract with any person or body in relation to administration and business of An Garda Síochána (section 29(1)(a)). However, the power conferred on the Commissioner by section 29(1) (a) does not include the power to enter into a contract relating to land or an interest in land (section 29(3)).

However, we have determined that these records may be held by the FOI body named below:

Freedom of Information Officer,
Freedom of Information Unit,
Office of Public Works,
Government Buildings,
Hebron Road,
Kilkenny.

We have transferred your FOI request to this body on 22nd May, 2017. Should you have any queries or concerns, you can contact the FOI Officer at the above address or at foiunit@opw.ie

Yours sincerely,

 SUPERINTENDENT
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

22nd May, 2017