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Mr. Ronan Morrissey

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000242-2017 Request Refused

Dear Mr. Morrissey,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 30th 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:

The number of arrests for drug offences in the Waterford Division of the Gardaí for each year from 2011 to the latest available year and how these are divided into each drug charge (simple possession, sale or supply, etc).

The number of drug charges brought to court by the Waterford Division of the Gardaí for each year from 2011 to the latest available year and how these are divided into each drug charge (simple possession, sale or supply, etc).

The number of drug convictions resulting in custodial sentences ordered by Waterford Circuit, Waterford District and Dungarvan District Courts for each year from 2011 to the latest available year and how these are divided into each drug charge (simple possession, sale or supply, etc).

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 2nd June 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

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 in relation to an operational policing matter which does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

I am therefore refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act 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 **FOI-000242-2017**.

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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: BOFIIIE2D

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**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICE

2nd June 2017