

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000321-2017 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 and received on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, 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:

*‘Can you advise? What I want to know is who in Garda authority can provide assurance that no exchequer or EU funds were used (circa 2006) towards the purchase of a high spec motor yacht (available for rent and sea cruises), the cost of which, after fitting out, was close to €170,000.*

*Apparently the facility was little used, there being a mere 300 hours on the clock. The yacht is now for sale, again.*

*The yacht was seemingly purchased and advertised as available for rent by the Garda Sea Angling Club - photo attached.’*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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## **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.**

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The term "administrative records" is understood to mean records relating to the processes of running and managing a business or organisation.

The financial concerns of the Garda Sea Angling Club, being a social club, do not come within the income or expenditure responsibilities of An Garda Síochána and it is operated independently of the budget assigned to the Garda Organisation. Therefore, no monies are provided to the Garda Sea Angling Club from the Garda Vote.

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 by writing to the address below and quoting reference number **F01-000321-2017**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 DR90**

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-000321-2017 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 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**  
**ANTHONY M. O'DONNELL**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

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