

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000441-2017 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and received on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Garda Síochána.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act states that the 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:

*I would like to request, under Freedom of Information legislation, the number of times that An Garda Síochána has been contacted by members of the television and film industry in relation to assistance on depicting the force on screen since 1995.*

*Can you please detail the number of times that these requests were granted and assistance was facilitated.*

*Can you please detail whether these requests came from national or international sources.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.

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The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

### **Out of Scope – Part 1(n) of Schedule 1**

As stated above, the Garda Síochána is only partially included insofar as the provisions of the FOI Act are concerned. Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act provides that the Garda Síochána is not a public body for the purposes of the FOI Act other than in relation to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters.

Your request does not relate to administrative records relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters and as a consequence Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act can be applied resulting in the records sought being withheld. The scope of the FOI Act insofar as the Garda organisation is concerned begins from 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008 unless the records are personal in nature. Therefore, in general, this office is not required to retrieve records prior to 2008 when considering requests under the FOI Act.

I am refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as the records do not meet the criteria of being an administrative record relating to human resources, or finance or procurement matters.

The Garda Press and Public Relations Office may be in a position to address your query and they can be emailed at [pressoffice@garda.ie](mailto:pressoffice@garda.ie).

## **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-000441-2017**.

**Freedom of Information Office, Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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-000441-2017 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 the 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 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  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

31<sup>st</sup> October 2017