

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000049-2018 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 30th January 2018 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 number of tracking devices purchased by the Gardai in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The spend by the Gardai on tracking devices in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The number of bugging devices purchased by the Gardai in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The spend by the Gardai on bugging devices in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 20th February 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, a search was conducted in the Procurement Section in respect of your request.

Restriction of the Act.

Section 42 refers to the restrictions included in the FOI Act with regard to records that are exempt for release by An Garda Síochána.

In this regard, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 42 (b) of the FOI Act wherein it states that:

Restriction of Act

42. *This Act does not apply to—*

(b) a record held or created by the Garda Síochána that relates to any of the following:

- (i) the Emergency Response Unit;*
- (ii) the Secret Service Fund maintained by it;*
- (iii) The Special Detective Unit (SDU);*
- (iv) the witness protection programme sponsored by it;*
- (v) the Security and Intelligence Section;*
- (vi) the management and use of covert intelligence operations;*
- (vii) the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993;*
- (viii) the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005;*
- (ix) the Criminal Justice (Surveillance) Act 2009;*
- (x) the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011;*

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-000049-2018**.

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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 (FOI-000049-2018) is included in the payment details.

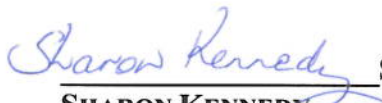
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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
SHARON KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

21 FEBRUARY 2018