

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000059-2018 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 1<sup>st</sup> February 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:

*'Under the Freedom of Information Acts I would like to request a copy of any and all objections raised in 2016 by the unsuccessful bidders for the most recent privatised speed camera contract'*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 within the Procurement Section of An Garda Síochána in respect of your request.

The sections of the Act which deny access to information are known as its exemptions.

In this regard, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 which states:

***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests***

15(1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where*  
(a) *The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

The tendering competition for the privatised speed camera contract was conducted by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) on behalf of An Garda Síochána. In this regard, no records of any objections by unsuccessful bidders are held by this organisation.

## **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-000059-2018**.

***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:** BOFIIIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000059-2018) 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](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**  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

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