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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000101-2018 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received the 5th March 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:

- 1) *The amount that An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing specialist Chemical Biological, Radiological and Nuclear clothing in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018*
- 2) *The amount that An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing firearms and Ammunition in the years 2017 and to-date in 2018*
- 3) *The amount spent on fuel to Garda Vehicles vehicles in 2017 and to-date in 2018; when the contract to supply fuel to the Garda fleet is next due for renewal*
- 4) *The amount spent on maintenance to Garda Vehicles in 2017 and to-date in 2018*
- 5) *The amount spent on purchasing Garda Vehicles in 2017 and to-date in 2018*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 3rd April 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, a search was conducted in the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána in respect of same.

I am refusing Part 1 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act. The Finance and Procurement Section of An Garda Síochána have no records in relation to the purchase of '*specialist Chemical Biological, Radiological and Nuclear clothing in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018*' as per your request. Therefore, the records do not exist in respect of Part 1 of your request.

I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

Part 1 of your request is refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act which states:

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,

In relation to Part 2 of your request that seeks '*The amount that An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing firearms and Ammunition in the years 2017 and to-date in 2018*'. An Garda Síochána is an unarmed police force, however a selected number of members of An Garda Síochána are authorised to carry firearms on duty whenever the need arises. The table below is the total expenditure on munitions for 2017 and 2018.

Total Expenditure on the Purchase of Munitions	
2017	€1,748,246.00
2018	€177,446*

*Figures for 2018 as of the 20th March 2018

As regards Part 3 of your request '*The amount spent on fuel to Garda vehicles in 2017 and to-date in 2018; when the contract to supply fuel to the Garda fleet is next due for renewal*'. The table below details the amount spent on fuel for the Garda Vehicles in 2017 & to date in 2018. I wish to advise that the contract for fuel is currently being tendered for.

Total Expenditure on Fuel for Garda Vehicles	
2017	€7,979,513
2018	€1,652,101*

*Figures for 2018 as of the 20th March 2018

Part 4 of your request sought 'The amount spent on maintenance to Garda Vehicles in 2017 and to-date in 2018'. Please see table below which outlines the maintenance and running expenses of the Garda fleet for 2017 and so far in 2018.

Total Expenditure on Maintenance of Garda Vehicles	
2017	€5,465,467
2018	€1,382,870*

*Figures for 2018 as of the 20th March 2018

The 5th part of your request seeks 'The amount spent on purchasing Garda Vehicles in 2017 and to-date in 2018' The table below outlines the total expenditure on Vehicles for 2017, as you will see there is no expenditure recorded at the Finance Directorate to 20th March, 2018.

Total Expenditure on the Purchase of Garda Vehicles	
2017	€5,645,703.00
2018	€0*

*Figures for 2018 as of the 20th March 2018

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-000101-2018**.

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 fee 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: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000101-2018) is included in the payment details.

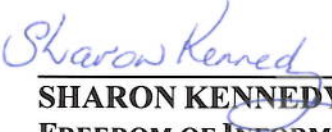
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal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

03 APRIL, 2018.