

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000163-2018 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 12th April, 2018 and received on the 13th April, 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. a list of all reports, studies or consultations commissioned by each of the 29 Garda divisional procurement committees from external consultants or other professionals for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017.*
- 2. Title and description of each report, name of consultant/consultancy, dates they were started and completed and whether they were published/made public or not.*
- 3. Costs of each.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 8th May, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision. I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

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1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Procurement Section of An Garda Síochána and each of the twenty nine operational Divisions in order to identify and conduct a search for the records you have requested.

As a result of this search, it has been established that these specific records i.e. ‘reports, studies or consultations commissioned by each of the 29 Garda divisional procurement committees from external consultants or other professionals for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017’ do not exist. It has been established that none of the twenty-nine Divisional Procurement Committees have commissioned a report, study or consultation from external consultants or other professionals in the years 2015-2017 inclusive.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the requested records.

I am therefore refusing your request 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,

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-000163-2018**.

Freedom of Information Office, An 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: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000163-2018 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

08 MAY, 2018