Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000242-2018
Transfer request

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 18th June, 2018 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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:

- A record of all artworks owned or in the possession of An Garda Siochana, including description of each.
- Records of the date of their purchase or acquisition, and costs of same.
- Records of their current estimated value.
- Records of costs to insure same.
- Any other records relating to artworks since 2016.
1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Section 6(2)(a) of the FOI Act provides that an entity specified in Schedule 1, Part 1 of the Act shall, subject to the provisions of that Part, be a public body for the purposes of the FOI Act. Schedule 1, Part 1 contains details of bodies that are partially included for the purposes of the FOI Act and also details of the certain specified records that are excluded. If the records sought come within the description of the exclusions of Part 1, then the FOI Act does not apply and no right of access exists.

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However, we have determined that these records may be held by the FOI body named below:

Freedom of Information Officer,
Freedom of Information Unit,
Office of Public Works,
Government Buildings,
Hebron Road,
Kilkenny,
R95 H4XC.

We have transferred your FOI request to this body on 20th June, 2018. Should you have any queries or concerns, you can contact the FOI Officer at the above address or at foiunit@opw.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 F01-000242-2018.

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: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIEIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000242-2018 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

20 JUNE, 2018