

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000019-2020 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 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:

*I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information:*

*the total sum of money taken in by An Garda from the public for firearm licensing fees in each of the years 2017, 2018 and 2019.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records.

Please see table A below which outlines the receipts from Firearms Fees in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

**Table A: - Firearms Fees:**

| <b>Year</b>          | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Fees Received</b> | €3,923,181  | €2,832,350  | €10,662,897 |

Please note as firearms licenses are issued for a three year period, every third year sees an increase in the fees received.

All monies received by An Garda Síochána from the payment of Firearms fees are paid on a monthly basis to the Exchequer via the Financial Shared Services, Killarney.

## **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-000019-2020**.

***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:** IE86BOFI90001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000019-2020) 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,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
MARIA BRODIGAN  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, 2020.