An Garda Síochána

Oifig Saorála Fáisnéise An Garda Síochána, Teach áth Luimnigh Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh Contae na Mí C15 DR90



Freedom of Information Office An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House IDA Business Park Johnstown, Navan Co Meath C15 DR90

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000024-2019 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 9th January, 2019 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 FOI legislation can you please provide me with a breakdown of information regarding Garda procurement in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Can you please tell me how much was spent procuring the following in each given year:

- A) Public order vehicles
- B) Public order shields
- C) Firearms
- D) Ammunition

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 23rd January, 2019.

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 relevant sections of An Garda Síochaná in respect the records that you were seeking.

Part A of your request sought "The amount that An Garda Síochána spent on procuring A) Public order vehicles in 2016, 2017 and 2018." The table below is the total expenditure on Public order vehicles for 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Total Expenditure on Public Order Vehicles	
2016	€242,197.35
2017	€239,080.25
2018	€0

As regards Part B of you request 'The amount that An Garda Síochána spent on procuring B) Public order shields in 2016, 2017 and 2018." The table below details the amount spend on in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Total Expenditure on Public Order Shields	
2016	€7,626.00
2017	€0
2018	€0

In relation to Part C & D of your request that seeks 'The amount that An Garda Síochána spent on procuring firearms and Ammunition in the years 2016, 2017 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 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Total Expenditure on the Purchase of Munitions		
2016	€2,514,480.00	
2017	€1,748,245.00	
2018	€1,762,813.00	

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-000024-2019.

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 Siochana Finance Section Public Bank Account

Account Number: 10026896

Sort Code: 900017

IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000024-2019) 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 <u>www.garda.ie.</u>

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

23 JANUARY, 2019.