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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000027-2021 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 19th January, 2021 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:

In accordance with Section 7 of the above mentioned Act, I wish to request the following records which I believe to be held by An Garda Síochána:

- 1. The amount paid by year by An Garda Síochána to speed-camera operators Go Safe.*

This should include all data from 1 January, 2010 to December 31, 2020.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 29th January 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána where searches were conducted in respect of same.

I can advise you that the fees paid by An Garda Síochána to GoSafe for Speed Camera operations for 2020 amounted to €14,589,625.

I am refusing provide the amount paid for the years 2010 to 2019 in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where

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(d) the information is already in the public domain.

The information you are seeking was the subject of previous Freedom of Information requests (FOI-000006-2017 and FOI-000083-2020). As it is the policy of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal FOI requests that result in the release of records the relevant decisions and released records are available by accessing the following links:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/finance-general/decision-letter-foi-000006-2017.pdf>

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/decision-letter-foi-000083-2020-amount-paid-to-gosafe.pdf>

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-000027-2021**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000027-2021) 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

29th JANUARY, 2021.