

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000038-2022 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 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:

*The annual total spent on firearms by the gardai in each year since 2011; and if possible a breakdown of what weapons were purchased.*

*The cost of firearms training incurred by the gardai in each year since 2011.*

*The number of weapons decommissioned by the gardai in each year since 2011, and the cost associated with such, if any.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my 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.

In relation to your request where you sought “total spent on firearms by the gardai & The cost of firearms training incurred by the gardai in each year since 2011 ” I am refusing to provide records relating to the years 2011 to 2020 as these records have been the subject of previous Freedom of Information requests (FOI-000178-2017, FOI-000126-2020, FOI-000184-2020 FOI-000003-2021 and FOI-000030-2021). As it is the practice of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal requests including decision letters and records on our decision log. You may access the aforementioned FOI requests by following the link below:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/finance-general/>

As the records for years 2011 to 2020 are already in the public domain, I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Act:

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –  
(d) the information is already in the public domain.

Please see table below which details the total spend on Firearms and the cost of Firearms training for 2021.

Total Annual Spent on Firearms	
2021	€1,871,802
Firearms Training Cost	
2021	€203,496.95

As previously outlined above, 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. Operational policing matters do not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. I am therefore refusing the release of records relating to the decommissioning of firearms and the types of firearms purchased as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

## 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-000038-2022**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.**

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-000038-2022 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 wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

15 FEBRUARY, 2022.