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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000039-2022 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 17th 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:

Under the FOI Act, 2014, I wish to request the following records:

- 1. The number of firearms training certificates issued/renewed in each of the years from 2017-2021; and the amount earned for such in each of these years.*
- 2. The number of firearms training certificates rejected in each of the years from 2017-2021, and the reasons why.*
- 3. The number of firearms licences rejected in each of the years from 2017-2021, and the reasons why.*
- 4. The number of firearms licences issued/renewed in each of the years from 2017-2021; and the amount earned for such in each of these years.*

When conducting your search and retrieval please consider official information held on non-official systems, emails accounts and devices. For example, WhatsApp groups etc.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 10th 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. I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

The sections of the Act which may deny access to information are known as exemptions. I wish to advise you that in accordance with 15 1(a) of the FOI Act I am refusing the elements of Part 1 and Part 4 of your request seeking the amount earned for Firearm Licences issued/renewed and Firearm Training Certificates issued/renewed as the records are not collated or recorded in the format sought by you..

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests:

*15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where
(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

However, in order to assist you the table below details the amount earned for both Firearm Licences and Firearm Training Certificates issued/renewed for the years 2017-2021.

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
€3,923,180.75	€2,832,350.00	€10,662,897.00	€3,967,552.00	€3,465,796.70

I wish to advise you that I am also refusing Part 2 and Part 3 of your request as well as the elements of your request where you sought the number of certificates and licences issued/renewed. I am doing so pursuant to Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. As outlined above, An Garda Síochána is a partially included agency under the Freedom of Information Act. As such only administrative records pertaining to finance, procurement or human resources matters may be considered for release. The number of certificates and licences issued, renewed or rejected relate to operational policing matters and fall outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it relates 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-000039-2022**.

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-000039-2022 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

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,



PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

10th **FEBRUARY, 2021.**