

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000052-2023 Request Part-Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 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:

*Will you supply me with the following information under the Freedom of information Act 2014*

- 1) The amount that An Garda Siochana spent on purchasing no parking traffic cones in the years of 2020, 2021, 2022 and to-date in 2023 in tabular form*
- 2) The name of the company that was awarded the contract to provide An Garda Siochana with no parking traffic cones*
- 3) When is this current contract due to expire*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

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 Finance Section within An Garda Síochána and a number of records were found.

The table below outlines the amount that An Garda Síochána spent on purchasing no parking traffic cones in the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023 which addresses part 1 of your request.

Purchase of "No Parking" cones 2020 to date					
Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Amount	€13,468.50	€0	€0	€0	€13,468.50

In regards to Part 2 of your request I can confirm that the cones were purchased from JW Balfour.

In regards to Part 3 of your request there is no contract in place with JW Balfour to provide traffic cones. Therefore, I am refusing Part 3 of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

### ***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests***

*15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken*

## 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-000052-2023**.

***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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-000052-2023 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**PAUL BASSETT**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023