An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000090-2022 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 21st February, 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:

- 1) The amount An Garda Siochana spent on purchasing fuel for Garda vehicles in 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form
- 2) The name of the company that was awarded the contract to supply fuel to Garda vehicles; when is the current contract for the supply of fuel to Garda vehicles is next due for renewal
- 3) The names of the companies that applied for the contract for the supply of fuel to Garda vehicles at the last tender process but were unsuccessful in tabular form
- 4) The name and job title of An Garda Siochana official that decides which contract to accept when the contract for the supply of fuel to Garda vehicles is put out to tender

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 28th 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 within An Garda Síochána.

The table below outlines the amount of money spent on fuel by An Garda Síochána for 2021 and up to 22/02/2022.

2021	Up to 22/2/2022
€9,139,129.35	€1,187,346.83

The current company contracted to supply fuel to An Garda Síochána is Maxol. The contract was awarded on 17/12/2018 and will expire on 15/12/2022.

In respect of parts 3 and 4 of your request, I have been advised that this contract was awarded by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) for the wider public service. Therefore no records exist regarding the conduct of this tender process within An Garda Síochána. As a result, I am refusing parts 3 and 4 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-000090-2022.

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-000090-2022) 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.

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

FEBRUARY, 2022.