Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000184-2020
Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 29th May, 2020 and received on 2nd June, 2020 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:

I wish to apply under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information relating to garda finances:

a- The amount spent by AGS for firearms training for members in each of the years 2016, 17, 18, 19 and 20 (to date)

b- The number of individual training sessions in each of those years.

c- The number of individual members who received training in each of those years.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 8th July 2020.

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Ág Coinneáil Séadhailte – Keeping People Safe
The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

The Garda College have provided the following information in respect of your request:

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<th>Firearms Training Costs (Garda College) Jan 2016 - Jun 2020</th>
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<td><strong>Year</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
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This return is made up of travel and subsistence expenditure for firearms training from January 2016 to June 2020.

The number of individual firearms training sessions delivered in each of the following years:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>No. of Training Sessions</th>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>1,287</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>1,278</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>1,269</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>1,038</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>1,153</td>
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This data is for Live refresher and FATS refresher training.

The number of individual members who received training in each of following years:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>No. of Individual Members</th>
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<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>2,734</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>2,856</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>2,937</td>
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<td>2,619</td>
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<td>2,179</td>
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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-000184-2020.

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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:** Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account  
**Account Number:** 10026896  
**Sort Code:** 900017  
**IBAN:** IE86BOFI90001710026896  
**BIC:** BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000184-2020) 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 into 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,

[Signature]

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

8 JULY 2020.

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