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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000265-2019
Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 20th June, 2019 and received at this office on 28th June, 2019 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. *How much the Government spent on exterminators for Garda Headquarters in the Phoenix Park and the Garda College in Templemore in 2018 and so far in 2019?*
2. *How many incidents about mice or rats in Garda Headquarters in the Phoenix Park and the Garda College in Templemore were reported in 2018 and so far in 2019?*
3. *What company are used for exterminations in Garda Headquarters in the Phoenix Park and the Garda College in Templemore?*
5. *Could I see all emails sent to administration about rat or mice sightings in Garda Headquarters in the Phoenix Park and the Garda College in Templemore in 2018 and 2019.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 25th July, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, a search was conducted in the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána in respect the records that you were seeking.

In relation to Part 1 and 3 of your request the table below details the company appointed to carry out extermination works for An Garda Síochána and the expenditure for the years 2018 and so far in 2019.

The table below details the expenditure for these service for the years 2018 and so far in 2019.

Location	Company	2018	2019
Garda College, Templemore	Arrest a Pest	€750.30	€578.10
Garda Headquarters	Optimal Holistic Solutions Limited / AllGone Facilities Management	€14,414	€7,258

The Sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which deny access to information are known as exemptions. In this regard, I wish to advise you that I am refusing Part 2 and 5 of your request in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act, 2014 which 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.

HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same.

I am therefore refusing part 2 and 5 of your request as it is 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-000265-2019**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 DR90

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 fee 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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000265-2019) 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 have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

25th **JULY, 2019.**