

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000276-2019 Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 6th July, 2019 and received on 8th July, 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:

The amount of money An Garda Síochána has spent on procuring the below in each of the following years: 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019:

- a) *Public order vehicles*
- b) *Public-order shields*
- c) *Firearms*
- d) *Ammunition*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 18th 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.

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 to release the requested records in relation to 2016 – 2018 in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) which states:

15(1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where
(d) the information is already in the public domain.

I am aware that the information in relation to 2016 – 2018 was the subject of a previous FOI request and are therefore already available in the public domain. You may access this request by following the attached link where all previous non personal FOI decisions for An Garda Síochána are published:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/finance-%E2%80%93-general/finance-general-decision-logs-2019>.

The table below details the total expenditure on Public Order Vehicles, Public Order Shields, Firearms and Ammunition for 2019. The table details the combined total expenditure on firearms and ammunition under the heading Munitions

Totals for 2019	
Public Order Vehicles	€791,763.30
Public Order Shields	£21,253.50 (STERLING)
Munitions	€145,471.00

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-000276-2019**.

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-000276-2019) 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,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

18th JULY, 2019.