

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000340-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 and received on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 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 Freedom of Information Act 2014 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 is shown below:

- A) *The number of dogs that retired from the Garda Dog Unit in the years 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form*
- B) *The number of dogs that joined the Garda Dog Unit in the years 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form;*
- C) *The number of horses that retired from the Garda Mounted Unit in the years 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form*
- D) *The number of horses that joined the Garda Mounted Unit in the years 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form*
- E) *The cost of running the Garda Air Support Unit in the years 2016 and 2017 in tabular form*
- F) *The cost of running the Garda Water Unit in the years 2016 and 2017 in tabular form*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate and the Garda Dog and Mounted Unit within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records.

The details in the tables below have been supplied by the aforementioned section. The details supplied in Table 1 relate to parts A, B, C and D of your request.

Table 2 details the cost of running the of the Garda Air Support Unit and Garda Underwater Unit this cost includes salaries, allowances maintenance and repairs of the respective units.

**Table 1**

|                           | 2016<br>Recruited | 2016<br>Retired | 2017<br>Recruited  | 2017<br>Retired | 2018<br>Recruited | 2018<br>Retired |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Garda Dog Unit</b>     | 2 dogs purchased  | Nil             | 8 dogs purchased   | 4 dogs retired  | 5 dogs purchased  | 2 dogs retired  |
| <b>Garda Mounted Unit</b> | Nil               | 1 horse retired | 2 horses purchased | 1 horse retired | Nil               | 1 horse retired |

**Table 2**

|                               | 2016        | 2017        |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Garda Air Support Unit</b> | € 3,054,524 | €3,085,000  |
| <b>Garda Underwater Unit</b>  | € 1,381,739 | € 1,561,793 |

### 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-000340-2017**.

**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 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 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,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

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