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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000354-2018 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 20th August, 2018 and received on 21st 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 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:

- *Systems Audit of Cash & General Management of the Garda College ...*
- *Audit of EU Funded Training Programmes/Projects.*
- *Audit of ICT Projects Payments Process.*
- *Audit of ICT Projects Appraisal.*
- *Audit of Command & Control.*
- *Audit of EU International Security Fund.*
- *Report to the Commissioner in relation to Financial Controls in 2017.*
- *Review Audit: Cavan/Monaghan.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 13th September 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request, a search was conducted in Garda Internal Audit Section (GIAS) and a number of records have been identified in this regard. The audits contain information relating to human resources, finance and procurement matters but in addition to this type of information the audits also make reference to operational policing matters.

However, I am to advise you that I am refusing to supply the requested audits in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Freedom of Information Act which states the following:

Refusal on Administrative Grounds to grant FOI requests

*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*

The audits outlined above have been the subject of three previous FOI requests and have been published on the FOI Decision Log on the Garda website. Access to these requests and the appropriate records may be sought by following the attached link:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/internal-audit/internal-audit-general-decision-logs-2018.html>

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-000354-2018**.

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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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000354-2018) 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**
SHARON KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

13 **SEPTEMBER 2018**