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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000359-2019 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 9th September, 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:

I am seeking the following under the Freedom of Information Act

A list of purchase orders by An Garda Síochána for the second two quarters of last year and the second quarter of this year.

Can you supply the information in the following format contained in the following link- Name of firm – service provided – and amount paid

<https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/our-departments/finance-services/purchase-order-return-q1-2019.pdf>

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 3rd October, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Division of An Garda Síochána. The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions in this regard I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the Freedom of Information Act, 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.*

The purchase order reports for Quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4 of 2018 and Quarter 1 and 2 of 2019 have been published and are available on the Garda website. You may access these Purchase Order Returns by following the attached link an entering purchase orders in the search bar which is found in the top right of the page: <https://www.garda.ie/en/>

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-000359-2019**.

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 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-000359-2019 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

3rd OCTOBER, 2019.