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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000398-2018 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 22nd September 2018 and received on 24th September 2018 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. I further refer to the clarification of your request on the 28th September 2018. Your request was amended accordingly to reflect this clarification.

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 original request sought:

- 1. Total cost of ranked members wages in the year of 2017 from the rank of Garda to Commissioner - please provide a break down of the costs, and how much was paid each rank.*
- 2. Total cost of wages to civilian staff in 2017 employed both directly or indirectly who are employed on either a part time or full time basis.*
- 3. Total costs for the maintenance and repair of garda vehicles in 2017*
- 4. Overall cost in 2017 for petrol and diesel*
- 5. Total expenditure in 2017 for use of 3rd party services. Can you give an example of 2 regular 3rd party services used by An Garda Síochána on a daily basis?*
- 6. Amount spent in 2017 on office supplies*

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7. *A breakdown and details of bonuses and allowances redeemed in 2017 by members ranked from Chief Superintendent to Commissioner*

Your clarified request sought:

The term 'office supplies' in the other part of my request, refers to: stationery, paper, and other items costs necessary for the functioning and workings of administrative offices within AGS.

With regard to the total expenditure for 3rd party services, are you happy to accept expenditure on towing and translation services? That's perfect, thanks

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 22nd October, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. I have numbered your request for ease of reference.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána where a search was conducted for the records as sought by you. A number of records have been provided to this Office for consideration under the FOI Act and upon review of same I have decided to partially grant your request.

Part 1 of your request seeks the *'Total cost of ranked members wages in the year of 2017 from the rank of Garda to Commissioner - please provide a break down of the costs, and how much was paid each rank'*. I have decided to grant this part of your request.

Table A below outlines the total cost of salaries, wages and allowances paid to Garda members of An Garda Síochána in 2017 (01.01.2017-31.12.2017). You will also note that this table is broken down by rank as requested.

Table A:

Rank	Total
Commissioner	€ 171,420
Deputy Commissioner	€ 313,814
Assistant Commissioner	€ 1,104,266
Chief Superintendent	€ 4,525,956
Superintendent	€ 14,674,200
Inspector	€ 29,379,676
Sergeant	€ 165,886,130
Garda	€ 774,378,143
Garda Recruits	€ 5,792,575
Grand Total	€ 996,226,180

Part 2 of your request seeks the *'total cost of wages to civilian staff in 2017 employed both directly or indirectly who are employed on either a part time or full time basis'*. I have decided to grant this part of your request. I can now advise you that the total cost of salaries, wages and allowances paid to Garda staff (previously referred to as civilian staff) in 2017 (1st January to 31st December 2017) amounted to €86,839,048.

Part 3 and 4 of your request seeks the *'Total costs for the maintenance and repair of garda vehicles in 2017'* and the *'Overall cost in 2017 for petrol and diesel'* consecutively.

The sections of the FOI Act which deny access to information are known as its exemptions provisions. I am refusing parts 3 and 4 of your request on administrative grounds in accordance with Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act as the information sought by you has been the subject of a previous FOI request and is already in the public domain. Section 15(1)(d) states:

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 total costs for the maintenance and repairs of Garda vehicles for 2017 and the cost of petrol and diesel in 2017 were the subject of a previous FOI request and this decision has been published on the FOI Decision Log on the Garda website, FOI-000101-2018 refers. A link to this decision is outlined below:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/decision-foi-000101-2018.pdf>

I understand a member of staff of this office was in contact with you in relation to Part 5 of your request wherein you seek the *'Total expenditure in 2017 for use of 3rd party services. Can you give an example of 2 regular 3rd party services used by An Garda Síochána on a daily basis?'* You confirmed that you were happy to accept the total expenditure on towing and translation services. I have decided to grant this part of your request. I now advise that the total expenditure for towing services (Garda vehicles only) and translation services is set out in Table B below: -

Table B:

1st January – 31st December 2017	
Interpreter's Fees/Translation Services	€1,789,665
Towing Services – Garda vehicles only	€278,803

Part 6 of your request seeks the *'Amount spent in 2017 on office supplies'*. I have decided to grant this part of your request. I wish to advise you that the total amount spent on office supplies from 1st January to 31st December 2017 by An Garda Síochána was €1,388,913.28. This figure includes the spend on stationary, photocopiers and office machinery.

Part 7 of your request seeks *'A breakdown and details of bonuses and allowances redeemed in 2017 by members ranked from Chief Superintendent to Commissioner'*. I have decided to grant your request. I wish to advise that the amounts on the table that show as minuses occur on the

table when a member is transferred/promoted and wages and allowances have to be amended on payroll. These overpayments are recouped at a later date. The details of same are attached at Appendix A

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-000398-2018**.

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-000398-2018) is included in the payment details.

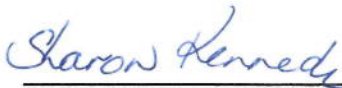
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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

22 OCTOBER, 2018

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Salaries, Wages & Allowances - Garda Members

01 January 2017 - 31 December 2017

Grade Desc	Salaries	PRSI - Employer's contribution	Uniform Allowance	Availability Allowance	Detective Allowance	Gaeltacht Allowance	Instructors Allowance	Plain Clothes Allowance (Detective)	Rent Allowance	Total
Commissioner	€ 167,728	€ 3,088	€ 604							€ 171,420
Deputy Commissioner	€ 306,379	€ 5,694	€ 1,742							€ 313,814
Assistant Commissioner	€ 1,082,218	€ 20,070	€ 5,123	€ 2,182	€ 65			€ 31	€ 866	€ 1,104,266
Chief Superintendent	€ 3,834,068	€ 84,510	€ 28,988	€ 392,165	€ 12,376	€ 225	€ 10,052	€ 6,000	€ 158,022	€ 4,525,956
Grand Total	€ 5,390,393	€ 113,362	€ 36,457	€ 389,983	€ 12,311	€ 225	€ 10,052	€ 5,968	€ 157,156	€ 6,115,457