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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000403-2019 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 15th October, 2019 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 received on the 16th October, 2019. Accordingly your request was amended and commenced from this date.

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:

Original Request:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking data from An Garda Síochána about the amount of money spent on bicycles used by officers country-wide.

Could I please have:

- 1. The cost of all the bicycles that have been purchased*
- 2. The cost of individual bikes (if there are different kinds)*
- 3. The cost of general maintenance of these bikes*
- 4. How much has been spent on punctures, maintenance through wear and tear etc.*
- 5. How much it costs to train one officer in the week-long course*
- 6. How much has been spent on training*

7. *How much has been spent on helmets, lights or any other equipment that the bicycle patrol requires*
8. *Also any information about how many bicycle officers are deployed per county/city*

Clarification received:

Can you please confirm that the information sought in the request below is seeking records for the last 5 years.

Yes that's correct

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 12th November, 2019.

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 relevant sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records and have identified the following information. Your request has been numbered for ease of reference.

The table below details the records requested in relation to Parts 1,3,4, and 7 of your request.

Garda Mountain Bike Expenditure	
Description	Spend
Purchase of Mountain Bikes	€147,812
Repairs	€71,969
Equipment (Lights Decals etc)	€11,237
Clothing	€626,108

With regard to Part 2 of your request where you sought *The cost of individual bikes (if there are different kinds)*. The cost of an individual mountain bike is €899 (ex VAT).

Part 5 of your request is seeking *“How much it costs to train one officer in the week-long course”*. This office has been advised that Instructor Training costs to train one officer for the one-week course is €153.29. Instructor Training costs for the fitness test which must be passed prior to attending the one-week course is €44.50.

Part 6 and Part 8 of your request sought *“How much has been spent on training”* and *“Also any information about how many bicycle officers are deployed per county/city”*. I wish to advise you that no records are held centrally by An Garda Síochána in the manner requested by you, therefore I am refusing these parts of your request under Section 15(1) (a) of the FOI Act which 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

(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,

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-000403-2019**.

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-000403-2019) 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

13th **NOVEMBER, 2019.**