

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000269-2021 Request Refused

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 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 would like to make a request under the 2014 Freedom of Information Act. I would like to request the total amount spent by An Garda Síochána on products from NSO Group (also known as Westbridge in North America, and OSY Technologies in Luxembourg), in the period January 2015 - July 2021.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

On receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána where a search was conducted in respect of the records you sought. I have been advised that no record exists of any purchases from NSO Group, Westbridge or OSY Technologies between

01/01/2015 and 31/07/2021. Therefore I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the 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 **Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62**. Please include the reference number **FOI-000269-2021** in your Internal Review application.

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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000269-2021) 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.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

27 AUGUST, 2021