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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000326-2023 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 26th September, 2023 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

• Fine revenue generated by GoSafe speed detection vans in County Mayo since 2019, broken down by year and location.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to <u>part-grant</u> your request on the 11th October 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant section of An Garda Síochána who carried out a search for the records sought in your request.

I have been advised that a breakdown of fines generated by GoSafe van location is not available and I am therefore refusing this particular aspect of your request and do so based on Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, as the record requested does not exist. Section 15(1)(a) states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

However the following table provides the records of Fixed Charge Notices issued and revenue generated for speeding offences detected by speed detection vans in the Garda districts of Ballina, Béal an Mhuirthead, Castlebar, Claremorris and Westport.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Number of FCNs	2580	1631	1518	1462	1084
Revenue Generated	188,240	119,080	110,280	122,270	132,400

^{* 2023} figures cover the time period from 01/01/2023 to 26/09/2023

I am to advise these figures are based on incidents which occurred from 01/01/2019 to 26/09/2023, inclusive. All information contained in this report is based upon operational data from the FCPS system as was available on 27/09/2023 and is liable to change.

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-000326-2023.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

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-000326-2023 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,

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

OCTOBER, 2023.