

# An Garda Síochána

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## RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI-000340-2023 REQUEST PART-GRANT

*Dear*

I refer to your request, received at this Office on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2023, 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 at this office on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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 amended request seeks:

- Overall spend of Garda Firearms Stores cost centre code per year from 2015
- Number of holsters examined post 2020 warning bulletin from the Garda Technical Bureau, including numbers of how may passed and how may failed examination
- Was a procurement process, in line with OGP guidelines carried out for the
  - current issue Walther P99c DAO tender
  - current issued 40mm Launcher tender
  - the issued H&K MP7 Optic tender
  - the issued H&K 416 Optic tender
  - the issued B&T GL06 Optic tender
  - the issued 5.56mm Suppressor tender
  - the issued Brolis LP5X tender
  - the issued Lasermax LMS-UNI visible laser tender
  - the issued Team Wendy EXFIL Helmet tender
  - the proposed Walther P99 (full size) DAO tender

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*the Walther P99c DAO leather waist holster tender*  
*the Walther P99c DAO leather shoulder holster tender*  
*the Walther P99c DAO leather magazine pouch tender*  
*the Sig Sauer P226 DAO leather waist holster tender*  
*the Sig Sauer P226 DAO leather shoulder holster tender*  
*the Sig Sauer P226 DAO leather magazine pouch tender*  
*the Sig Sauer P226 DAO and DA/SA leg holster tender*  
*the issued Aimpoint Comp M5*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána who have advised in respect of the records sought.

In respect of part 1 of your request, the table below outlines the spend charged to the Firearms Stores cost centre in the period in question.

Spend in euro charged to the Firearms Stores Cost Centre							
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
1,299,401	2,693,864	1,890,206	1,965,168	1,906,168	2,935,950	€2,310,312	€1,381,009

I am refusing part 2 of your request. Under Section 6(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, An Garda Síochána is, subject to the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Act, a public body for the purposes of the FOI Act. Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 states that in respect of An Garda Síochána the FOI Act applies only to administrative records relating to human resources, finance, or procurement matters. Records in respect of matters other than finance, procurement, or human resources matters are outside the scope of the FOI Act as it relates to An Garda Síochána.

Part 2 of your request seeks records in respect of the operation of Garda equipment. Such records do not constitute finance, procurement, or human resource records. As such, these records are outside the scope of the FOI Act and no right of access to these records exists. Part 2 of your request is therefore refused in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1.

In respect of part 3 of your request, I can confirm that the procurement in question was conducted in accordance with OGP guidelines.

## 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-000340-2023**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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:

**An Garda Síochána:**  
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**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-000340-2023 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](http://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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023.