

An Garda Síochána

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Freedom of Information Office,
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IDA Business Park,
Johnstown, Navan,
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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000011-2018 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 3rd January, 2018 and received on the 4th January, 2018 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:

Gardai

Can you provide the overall amount received by Gardai in retirement lump sum payments in 2017 and 2016?

Can you provide the top 20 amounts received by Gardai last year in retirement lump sums and the county in which they operated and their rank?

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 29th January, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to both the Finance and Pension Sections of An Garda Síochána who have briefed this office in relation to retirement lump sum payments.

I advise that I am refusing both parts of your request in relation to retirement lump sum payments. An Garda Síochána hold partial records with respect to your request.

The administration of Garda retirement lump sum payments falls under the remit of the Pensions Administration Section, Financial Shared Services, Department of Justice and Equality. Upon the retirement of a member of An Garda Síochána, the gross retirement lump sum payment under the terms of the scheme is calculated and deductions may be applied to arrive at the actual retirement lump sum amount. Therefore, the records you have requested are retained by the Department of Justice and Equality.

On that basis, I advise that your request is more relevant to the Department of Justice and Equality and should be addressed to:

Information Officer,
Department of Justice and Equality,
51 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2,
D02 HK52.

Email: foi@justice.ie

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-000011-2018**.

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-000011-2018) 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

29 JANUARY 2018