

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000536-2017 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 5th December, 2017 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:

The details of all uses of state, ministerial or otherwise official cars by Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD since he left office on 14th June 2017.

- *These details include but are not limited to*
- *The start and end points for each journey.*
- *The distances of each journey.*
- *The dates of each journey*
- *The cost of each journey.*
- *The make and model of car used for each journey.*
- *The purposes of each journey.*
- *Whom he was accompanied by for each journey.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 3rd January 2018.

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The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, a search was conducted within An Garda Síochána in relation to the records sought by you.

Restriction of the Act.

Section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 refers to the restrictions included in the Act with regard to records that are exempt for release by An Garda Síochána. The release of the records sought by you are restricted under Section 42 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In this regard, I am refusing your request under Section 42 (b) wherein it states that:

Restriction of Act

42. *This Act does not apply to—*

(b) a record held or created by the Garda Síochána that relates to any of the following:

- (i) the Emergency Response Unit;*
- (ii) the Secret Service Fund maintained by it;*
- (iii) The Special Detective Unit (SDU);*
- (iv) the witness protection programme sponsored by it;*
- (v) the Security and Intelligence Section;*
- (vi) the management and use of covert intelligence operations;*
- (vii) the Interception of Postal Packets and Telecommunications Messages (Regulation) Act 1993;*
- (viii) the Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Act 2005;*
- (ix) the Criminal Justice (Surveillance) Act 2009;*
- (x) the Communications (Retention of Data) Act 2011;*

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-000536-2017**.

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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: IE86B0F190001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000536-2017) is included in the payment details.

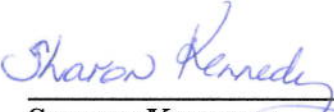
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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

 **JANUARY, 2018**