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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000080-2024 Request Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 27th February, 2024 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 FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following information in relation to the Road Safety Strategy (RSS) 2021-2030, Phase 1 Action Plan 2021-2024 Action 27 Eliminate the incidence of unaccompanied learner permit drivers. I require details of:

- 1. The role of An Garda Síochána in supporting Action 27*
- 2. Full budget allocation assigned to Action 27*
- 3. Monetary amounts spent to date*
- 4. Progress made to date*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 11th March, 2024. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections within An Garda Síochána for reply. As outlined above, the FOI Act applies to An Garda Síochána in respect of records relating to finance, procurement, and human resource matters only. The records sought in

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parts one and four of your request fall outside the scope of the FOI Act as it relates to An Garda Síochána. Therefore, I must refuse parts one and four of your request in accordance with Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Act.

However, by way of assistance, the Garda National Roads Policing Bureau have advised that the lead agency in this matter is the Road Safety Authority with the support from Department of Transport and An Garda Síochána. The role of An Garda Síochána is supporting the RSA in the ongoing enforcement of unaccompanied learner drivers particularly arising from aspects of the Clancy Amendment. Progress in this matter is reported by the Road Safety Authority.

In respect of parts two and three of your request, there is no specific budget assigned to Action 27. Enforcement of unaccompanied learner driver legislation. This type of roads policing duty is performed by Gardaí as part of their normal policing duties. Therefore, the cost associated with policing unaccompanied learner driver legislation cannot be broken down. I am therefore refusing these parts of your request in accordance with section 15(1) (a) of the FOI Act which 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

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-000080-2024**.

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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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000080-2024) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

11 MARCH, 2024.