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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000252-2023 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 12th July, 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:

I wish to request parking fine data for the years 2021 and 2022 for the Limerick city area specifically outlining types (parking on footpath, double yellow line, grass margin, handicapped space etc) and their individual percentages of the overall amount of fines. Also, is it possible to view the data for the amount of fines actually paid for in these years.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 19th July, 2023.

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 Garda National Roads Policing Bureau who have advised in respect of the information sought. Your request is seeking records on parking fines "*for the Limerick city area*" in 2021 and 2022. It is not possible to extract data from the Garda National Roads Policing Bureau specifically for Limerick city. Data is available for the

overall Limerick Division, which includes Limerick city. Parking fines data for 2021 are attached herewith.

The Sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 that deny access to information are known as exemptions.

In this regard, and in accordance with Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act I wish to advise you that I am refusing to release the figures for 2022 as this information was the subject of a previous Freedom of Information request (FOI-00455-2022). It is the practice of An Garda Síochána to publish all non-personal requests including decision letters and records on the FOI decision log section of the Garda website and as such the data sought is already in the public domain. You may access the aforementioned FOI request by following the link below;

[decision-letter-foi-000455-2022-fcn-payments-received-2022.pdf \(garda.ie\)](https://www.garda.ie/foi/decision-letter-foi-000455-2022-fcn-payments-received-2022.pdf)

I am therefore applying the provisions of Section 15(1)(d) of the Act to your request for 2022 data. Section 15(1)(d) states that:

*15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –
(d) the information is already in the public domain.*

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-000252-2023**.

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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

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000252-2023) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

19 JULY, 2023.



FCN Payments Recv Divisional (RPT_FCPS_088) - Limerick Division

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Selected Period: Between 01 January 2021 and 31 December 2021

About This Report: Payments Received

Division	Limerick	Divisional Count	13664	Amount €	€ 1186030
Offence Group Description					
Speeding Offences			7845		693120
Fail to display a valid tax/insurance disc			1111		81420
Covid 19 FCN			831		128150
Use a mobile phone whilst driving			794		54090
Parking/entering a bus lane, bus contraflow, at a bus stop or taxi rank			556		26450
Failing to obey parking signs and road markings			440		19820
Seat belt			367		25200
Parking or stopping in a clearway or disabled space			291		47070
Learner/Novice Driver Offences			279		23450
Park in a manner or location that causes a danger or obstruction			276		12040
Use a vehicle without NCT Test Certificate			216		15420
Driving a vehicle without reasonable consideration			156		13880
Fail to stop at traffic lights (red & amber)			98		8440
Use a vehicle with defective/dangerous tyres			92		8880
Public Order offences			88		10000
Parking Offences - Hired Vehicles			41		2490
Fail to observe traffic signs & road markings			34		2520
Parking/stopping in a loading bay or school entrance			28		1400
Crossing centre lines on a road way causing danger			21		2040
Use a vehicle/trailer without the required lighting			20		1320
Drink driving fixed penalty			18		4400
Park within 5 metres of a road junction, traffic lights or pedestrian crossing			16		840
Drive/Park/stop in tram only street or cycle track			14		600
Dangerous or endangering overtaking			8		760
Failure to obey mandatory signs, weight restrictions and reversing offences			6		360
Pedal Cycle Offences			4		160



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Failure to obey with an instruction given by a Garda/School Warden	4	410
Exceed vehicle weight	3	800
Drive on or across a footway, cycle track or continuous white line	2	120
Motorway Offences	2	160
Fail to wear a crash helmet	1	80
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	1	80
Drive or park in a pedestrian area or street	1	60