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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000119-2016 Request Refusal – Out of Scope

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on the 21st March 2016.

Part 1 of Schedule I of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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.

- 1. The name of the covert military/Garda operation being conducted over the sky's of finglas?*
- 2. The reason for such an operation?*
- 3. why military aircraft are flying at very low levels over a built up residential area with no regard for public safety or aviation laws?*
- 4. why the Garda are running this operation under false pretences? .i.e and I quote an air corps press officer " the operation is in defence of the state".*

I wish to inform you that your request **has been refused**.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Your request seeks information relating to operational activities and not to any administrative record held by An Garda Síochána for the purposes of human resources, finance or procurement. Therefore I am unable to grant your request as it is not within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, insofar as it relates to An Garda Síochána.

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-000119-2016**.

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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: IE86BOFI90001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

Your must ensure that your FOI reference number 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 will be, where applicable, 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**

MATTHEW NYLAND
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

31st March 2016