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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000145-2016 Request Out of Scope

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 15th April 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Your request sought:

“Under Section 11 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I request access to the following records.

1. The number of Garda Vetting applications submitted to the Garda Vetting Unit by [REDACTED] for the years 2014 and 2015 and up to 31 March 2016.

2. The number of above Garda Vetting applications processed by the Garda Vetting Unit for the years 2014 and 2015 and up to 31 March 2016.

Please note that I am not looking for any personal information regarding the applicants. I require only statistical information.”

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.

I wish to inform you that your request is outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

When an organisation is registered with the Garda Vetting Unit it is entitled to receive Garda vetting services in respect of its employees. An Garda Síochána does not release details on the number of vetting applications processed. However, the total number of vetting applications processed by the Garda Vetting Unit (1/1/2014 - 9/4/2016) is available on the Garda website at the following URL:

<http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=13968&Lang=1>

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 **F01-000145-2016**.

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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: IE86B0F190001710026896

BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You 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 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
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

18th April 2016