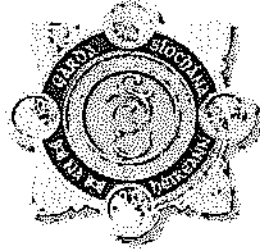


# An Garda Síochána



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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000215-2016 Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 07/06/2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 for records held by An Garda Síochána.

Your request sought:

Under this act, I would like to obtain the following information:

\*Details, where possible, of how many impounded vehicles (cars, motorbikes, vans, etc...) seized by Gardaí so far in 2016 (June 3<sup>rd</sup>) were crushed/destroyed after their owners failed to reclaim them.

If figures are available on a per county basis and/or the brand of vehicle crushed/destroyed, I would appreciate this breakdown or the information required to carry out this breakdown.

\*Details, where possible, of the number of impounded vehicles (cars, motorbikes, vans, etc...) seized by Gardaí between 2010 and 2015 which were crushed/destroyed after their owners failed to reclaim them.

If figures are available on a per county basis for this period, I would appreciate this breakdown or the information required to carry out this breakdown

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.**

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 is outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána, as the records sought by you relate to operational policing and are not an administrative record relating to human resources, finances or procurement.

### **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 **F01-000215-2016**.

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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:** BOFIE2D

**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](http://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.**

9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016

