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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000236-2016 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 23rd June 2016 and received on the 24th June 2016.

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 shown below:

‘My names [REDACTED] and I’ve noticed recently that members of the ERU are wearing grey uniforms instead of black.

1) is this a training uniform or soon to be new standard issue?

2) how much did each RSU Audi Q7 cost?

In the recent medical demos the members of the ERU were with men with American accents.

3) who were these men?’

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on 27th of June 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

I am refusing your request under Section 42(b)(i) of the FOI Act as set out below:

Restriction of Act

42. *This Act does not apply to—*

(b) *a record held or created by the Garda Síochána that relates to any of the following:*

(i) the Emergency Response Unit;

The FOI Act does not apply to records which are held or created by An Garda Síochána relating to the Emergency Response Unit. The restriction of the FOI Act gives the strongest possible protection to such records as it puts them outside the scope of the Act. Such exemptions ensure that An Garda Síochána continue to perform its core functions whilst ensuring that State Security is not compromised.

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 **F01-000236-2016**.

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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.

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

28th JUNE 2016