

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000253-2016

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and to your submissions to this body, dated and received on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by An Garda Síochána:

*'I would highly appreciate if you could provide me the number of reports on money laundering suspicion received by the GBFI for all years available, especially from 2003 onward. I would also appreciate if such data could be specified by the category of the reporting entity (financial institution, solicitor, tax advisor, letting agent etc) and any other specifications readily available.*

*I would like to know the number of staff working at the GBFI, including the specification by the positions occupied within the structure by both Gardaí and civilian staff. If their full-time equivalence is readily available it would help as well, but it is not necessary to produce this information otherwise.*

*It would considerably help my research if I had access to such data. Furthermore, considering that such information was already available in the previous Annual Reports, it is not considered confidential and there is a great chance that such information is already produced, but not publicly available.'*

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent now wish to inform you that your request is **refused**.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

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 in relation to an operational policing matter which is a core function of An Garda Síochána. Records relating to the core functions of An Garda Síochána are excluded from the ambit of the FOI Act.

I am therefore refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

However the information you seek may be available from the Central Statistics Office who receive all crime related data from An Garda Síochána under section 47 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

They can be emailed at [crime@cs0.ie](mailto:crime@cs0.ie) and their website address is [www.cs0.ie](http://www.cs0.ie).

## 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 **F01-000253-2016**.

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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 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**

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2016**