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C15 DR90

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Ríomh-phoist/Email: foi@garda.ie

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000268-2016 Refused

Dear

I refer to your request dated 14th June 2016 and received on 14th July which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

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:

- All FOI requests (non-personal) submitted by journalist Mr. [REDACTED] since 2014
- All FOI (non-personal) requests submitted by journalist [REDACTED] since 2014

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 26th July 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

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journalists. Your request does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act. I am therefore refusing your request as it is outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

All non-personal FOI requests received by An Garda Síochána are published on the Garda Síochána Website at www.garda.ie. The questions and the subsequent decisions made by the FOI Officer are shown on the Decision Log pages and categorised by requestor type such as Journalists, Public or Academics. The personal details of each requestor are removed to ensure the confidentiality of private information relating to individuals seeking information from An Garda Síochána via the FOI Act. However the questions and more importantly the responses being issued are shown in full. This type of publication is in accordance with the provisions of the FOI Act and provides openness and transparency in matters relating to Human Resources, Finance and Procurement by the Garda Organisation. In addition the decision of an Internal Reviewer is also published when an appeal is made against a decision issued by the FOI Officer.

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 **F01-000268-2016**.

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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.

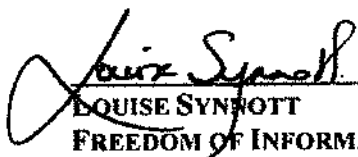
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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
LOUISE SYNNOTT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

26th JULY 2016 .