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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000380-2016 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 19th October, 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2014 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 sought:

-A list of overseas football policing/surveillance operations carried out by plain-clothes members of An Garda Síochána for each year between 1st January 2010 and 1st October 2016, detailing A) the countries visited and B) the number of gardaí sent on each operation to monitor the activities of Irish football fans (both following domestic and international teams).

-The cost of each plain-clothes overseas football policing/surveillance operation undertaken by An Garda Síochána between the same dates. If possible, this should encompass broken down costs including overtime payments, travel allowances incurred, accommodation and sustenance costs.

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

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

I am refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána. I advise that section 42(b) of the FOI Act specifies various records held by An Garda Síochána that have been explicitly excluded from the Act. In relation to your request I advise that section 42(b)(v & vi) applies.

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:

(v) the Security and Intelligence Section;

(vi) the management and use of covert intelligence operations;

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 **FOI-000380-2016**.

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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

 **OCTOBER, 2016**