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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000427-2016 Request Refusal

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to this body dated 23rd November and received on 24th November 2016.

Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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:

"The amount spent on or paid to Garda informers or Covert Human Intelligence Sources for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 to date. A list of the 10 highest single payments made to CHIS during that time frame."

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 29th November, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Part 5 (restriction of Act) of the Freedom of Information Act provides for categories of records that are specifically excluded from the scope of the Act. Section 42(b)(v)&(vi), which has relevance to your request states:

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;

In accordance with Part 5 (Restriction of Act) I am refusing your request for records.

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-000427-2016**.

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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

29th November 2016