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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000076-2016 Request Refused

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on the 24th February 2016. This letter refers to one part of your request seeking ***“Report to the commission in relation to financial controls in 2014”***.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information legislation I would like copies of the following records created in 2015.

- 1. The review audit report on the NBCI.*
- 2. The review audit report into Mayo Division.*
- 3. The audit report into Cavan/Monaghan Division.*
- 4. The **“Report to the commission in relation to financial controls in 2014”**.*
- 5. The audit of the regional support unit eastern region.*

I have now made a final decision to refuse your request for the ***“Report to the commission in relation to financial controls in 2014”***.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

On the 5th May 2016 the record was released to you by my office as part of an Internal Review conducted by Chief Superintendent Kirwan relating to the Freedom of Information request 59/2016. A redacted version of the audit in question: **Report to the Garda Commissioner in relation to Financial Controls in 2014** was provided to you.

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

Section 15 of the FOI Act states that;

- (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –*
- (i) the request relates to records already released, either to the same or a previous requestor where –*
 - (ii) the records are available to the requestor concerned,*

As the record has been previously provided to you I am refusing your request in accordance with section 15(1)(i) of the FOI Act.

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 **F01-000076-2016**.

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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.

10th
MAY 2016