

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000226-2021 Decision Part Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 22nd June, 2021 and received on 23rd June, 2021 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 sought:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking in tabular form the yearly total, comprising salaries and other pay and non-pay related expenditure, for all available years spent by the state on the Gardai in providing security to the us military at Shannon.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 20th July 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

I must first advise that An Garda Síochána became subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 on 15th October 2015. Section 2(1) of the FOI Act 2014 sets the "*effective date*" of the Act for bodies not subject to the previous 1997 FOI Act, such as An Garda Síochána, as being 21st April 2008. Section 2(1) defines the "*effective date*" as

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“effective date” means:

- (c) in the case of an entity that immediately prior to enactment of this Act, was not a public body within the meaning of the Act of 1997, but is a public body within the meaning of this Act, 21 April 2008, unless provision is made to the contrary by order under section 6;

As such only records held by An Garda Síochána which were created on or after 21st April 2008 are subject to the provisions of the 2014 FOI Act. On that basis I am refusing your request insofar as it refers to records created prior to 21st April 2008.

Details of your request were provided to Finance Section of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records in respect of the period 2008-2021. The table below outlines the costs incurred by An Garda Síochána for policing at Shannon Airport in the years 2008 to May 2021.

Shannon Airport	Salaries, Allowances, Overtime*	Travel & Subsistence	Non Pay Expenditure	Total
2008	1,902,477	138,961	5,520	€2,046,957
2009	2,043,800	42,526	5,132	€2,091,458
2010	829,973	23,897	4,449	€858,319
2011	973,209	16,833	4,010	€994,052
2012	845,682	12,576	4,316	€862,573
2013	745,510	8,490	4,152	€758,152
2014	914,925	13,276	2,641	€930,842
2015	1,208,299	19,595	3,777	€1,231,671
2016	1,290,396	25,322	4,002	€1,319,719
2017	1,421,721	19,001	2,586	€1,443,308
2018	1,572,610	17,214	4,527	€1,594,350
2019	1,512,771	17,578	19,082	€1,549,430
2020	1,489,153	8,735	3,086	€1,500,973
2021**	467,813	832	1,148	€469,793

* Includes Employers PRSI; ** January – May 2021

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-000226-2021**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account
Account Number: 30000302
Sort Code: 951599
IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302
BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000226-2021 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

20 JULY, 2021.