

# An Garda Síochána

Oifig Saorála Fáisnéise,  
An Garda Síochána, Teach áth Luimnigh,  
Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail,  
Baile Sheáin , An Uaimh,  
Contae na Mí.  
C15 ND62



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

Teileafón/Tel: (046) 9036350



Láithreán Gréasain/Website:  
[www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)

Ríomh-phoist:/Email: [foi@garda.ie](mailto:foi@garda.ie)

## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000452-2022 Request Part- Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 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 Freedom of Information Act 2014, I would like to request the total amount of overtime Gardai were paid in (i) 2021 and (ii) 2022. I would also like to request the top 10 amounts paid out in overtime to individual officers in each of these years, with the rank of the officer who received the payments.*

I wish to advise that I have made a decision to part-grant your request on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision**

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request.

I wish to advise that I am refusing the first part of your request wherein you sought "*the total amount of overtime Gardai were paid in (i) 2021*" in accordance with section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act as the information is already in the public domain.

1

Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act states:

**Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests**

15(1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where (d) the information is already in the public domain.*

The information sought by you in respect of 2021 is published on the Garda website [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie) and may be accessed by following the link attached below:

<https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/publication-scheme/budgets-and-spending/overtime-reports.html>

The amount paid in overtime for the year 2022 was €129.79 million. This includes overtime paid to Garda members and Garda staff. The table below details the top 10 amounts paid out in overtime and the rank of the members in receipt of the overtime for the year 2022.

| <b>10 highest amounts paid in overtime - 2022</b> |               |             |
|---|---------------|-------------|
|   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Rank</b> |
| 1   | 64,832        | Sergeant    |
| 2   | 61,466        | Inspector   |
| 3   | 54,455        | Inspector   |
| 4   | 53,971        | Garda       |
| 5   | 53,116        | Sergeant    |
| 6   | 52,706        | Sergeant    |
| 7   | 52,674        | Sergeant    |
| 8   | 50,492        | Garda       |
| 9   | 48,294        | Sergeant    |
| 10  | 47,929        | Garda       |

As stated above and in accordance Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act I am refusing to release the records of the top 10 overtime payments for 2021. These records were the subject of a previous FOI request (FOI-000008-2022) and as it is the policy of An Garda Síochána to publish all decision letters that result in a release of records the top 10 for 2022 can be accessed by following the link below;

<https://garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/decision-letter-foi-000008-2022-overtime-spend.pdf>

## **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-000452-2022**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 DR90.**

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-000452-2022 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](http://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

25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2023.