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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000309-2016. Partially Granted.

*Dear*

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated and received on 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 is shown below:-

*The amount that An Garda Síochána charged for policing the following events*

- (A) *Bruce Springsteen Concert, Croke Park on 27th and 29th May 2016*
  - (B) *GAA Football League Final Croke Park on 24 April 2016*
  - (C) *GAA All Ireland Quarter Finals Croke Park on 6 August 2016*
  - (D) *Dublin Horse Show, RDS between 20th July-24 July 2016*
  - (E) *Beyonce Concert Croke Park on 9 July 2016*
  - (F) *Rihanna Concert, Aviva Stadium on 21 June 2016*
  - (G) *Rod Stewart Concert, Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on 25 June 2016*
  - (H) *GAA Hurling Semi Final, Croke Park on 14 August 2016*
  - (I) *Tullamore Agricultural and National Livestock Show, Tullamore, 14 August 2016*
- (2) *The rates that AGS apply to indicate what costs are to be issued for eg For every Garda at the rank of Garda it is €25 per hour or part, For every Garda at the rank of Sergeant it is €30 per hour or part, for every Garda at the rank of Inspector its €40 per hour or part of etc*

- (3) *If AGS charge event promoters a certain fee for the use of the Garda Air Support Unit at the end of event where high numbers of persons are in attendance to deal with crowd control issues etc, If so what are the costs for same eg for every 30 minutes use of the Garda Air Support Unit it will be an additional €1,000 etc*
- (4) *If AGS charge Event promoters an additional fee for a Garda motorbike escort to get a VIP celebrity or any equipment or vehicles relating to a particular venue from a location to the venue or return will cost an additional €125 for every 3 miles of the escort etc.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to partially grant your request on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána who have briefed this office on the provisions of non-public duty and have also identified the records outlined below.

Part 1 of your request is seeking ‘*the amount that An Garda Síochána charged for policing listed events*’.

Please see Table A below which outlines the amounts charged for these listed events.

**Table A: -**

	<b>Event</b>	<b>NPD Cost</b>
A)	<i>Bruce Springsteen Concert, Croke Park on 27th and 29th May 2016</i>	€120,000.00
B)	<i>GAA Football League Final Croke Park on 24 April 2016</i>	€20,541.73
C)	<i>GAA All Ireland Quarter Finals Croke Park on 6 August 2016</i>	€22,755.40
D)	<i>Dublin Horse Show, RDS between 20th July-24 July 2016</i>	€14,796.78
E)	<i>Beyonce Concert Croke Park on 9 July 2016</i>	€61,500.00
F)	<i>Rhianna Concert, Aviva Stadium on 21 June 2016</i>	€20,000.00
G)	<i>Rod Stewart Concert, Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on 25 June 2016</i>	€14,000.00
I)	<i>Tullamore Agricultural and National Livestock Show, Tullamore, 14 August 2016</i>	€11,000.00

The Sections of the FOI Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as exemption provisions.

Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 states that:

*‘A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –*  
*(a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found’*

Part 1 (H) of your request is seeking the amount An Garda Síochána have charged for the 'GAA Hurling Semi Final, Croke Park on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016'. I am to advise you that the non-public duty charge for this event has not yet been finalised by An Garda Síochána and therefore I am refusing this section of your request as the record currently does not exist.

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangements made with organisers of events such as football matches, concerts, and race meetings etc. who seek to engage the services of members of An Garda Síochána to perform duties to which they would not normally be assigned.

Members of An Garda Síochána have been made available for the performance of such duties and the State has charged for their services. This work is normally done by members who would otherwise be off duty. It is generally the practice to charge organisations for the costs of duties performed by members inside the event.

In general, the cost of policing duties performed by Gardaí outside the event such as traffic control, beat patrols and other public policing duties which would be additional to those normally performed at the location, are not paid by the organisation hosting the event but fall to be paid from the Garda Vote. However, at some specific larger events An Garda Síochána seeks a contribution from the promoters to overall policing costs. In his regard I advise that the level of contribution to be made to An Garda Síochána is agreed by the local District Officer with the organisers, taking into account the nature and size of the event.

Garda members working on public and non-public duty are aware of the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate consideration.

Part 2 of your request is seeking '*the rates that AGS apply to indicate what costs are to be issued for eg For every Garda at the rank of Garda it is €25 per hour or part, For every Garda at the rank of Sergeant it is €30 per hour or part, for every Garda at the rank of Inspector its €40 per hour or part of etc*'

Table B below outlines the charges for non-public duty in respect of the services of Inspectors, Sergeants and Garda. It should be noted that overtime is only payable to members at Garda, Sergeant and Inspector rank.

**Table B – Breakdown of charges for non-public duty by rank**

<b>Non-Public Rates</b>	<b>Duty</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>
<b>Mid-Week Duty</b>		Inspector	€76.20
		Sergeant	€67.78
		Garda	€58.68
<b>Saturday Duty</b>		Inspector	€78.21
		Sergeant	€69.79
		Garda	€60.69
<b>Sunday Duty</b>		Inspector	€94.04
		Sergeant	€83.59
		Garda	€72.24
<b>Public Holiday</b>		Inspector	€129.73

	Sergeant	€115.22
	Garda	€99.36

Parts 3 and 4 of your request has sought ‘If AGS charge event promoters a certain fee for the use of the Garda Air Support Unit at the end of event where high numbers of persons are in attendance to deal with crowd control issues etc, If so what are the costs for same eg for every 30 minutes use of the Garda Air Support Unit it will be an additional €1,000 etc’ and ‘if AGS charge Event promoters an additional fee for a Garda motorbike escort to get a VIP celebrity or any equipment or vehicles relating to a particular venue from a location to the venue or return will cost an additional €125 for every 3 miles of the escort etc.’

As previously advised, Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 states that

*‘A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –  
(a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found’*

In this regard, I am to advise you that I am refusing Parts 3 & 4 of your request under Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. The records you are seeking do not exist due to An Garda Síochána not charging event promoters for the type of duty as outlined above.

## **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-000309-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,  
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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:** BOFIIIE2D

**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

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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,

 SUPERINTENDENT  
**HELEN DEELY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 2016**