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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000187-2016

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submissions to An Garda Síochána, dated 11th May 2016 and received on 11th May 2016.

Your request sought:

'How much did All-Ireland football/hurling finals in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 cost in overtime for extra Garda manpower in Dublin city as well as operational costs and a breakdown of those costs.

Also, please state how much the GAA contributed for the non-public duty costs of associated with the All-Ireland finals in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011'

I wish to inform you that your request has been **partially granted** on today's date.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Under Section 30 of The Garda Síochána Act 2005, An Garda Síochána may provide and charge for police services for events on private property or in areas open to the public, if;

- (a) *it is in the public interest and consistent with the functions of An Garda Síochána to provide the services, and*
- (b) *the Commissioner is satisfied that the person has paid or will pay to the Commissioner the charges for the services.*

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.

The first part of your request is seeking *'how much did All-Ireland football/hurling finals in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 cost in overtime for extra Garda manpower in Dublin city as well as operational costs and a breakdown of those costs'*.

In many cases it is difficult to define where the public duty ends and where the non-public liability of the organisation begins, but at all times, it is the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate consideration.

The costs associated with the public duty element are not captured separately and are classified as normal overtime or rostered duty. These costs therefore cannot be analysed separately and it is not possible to provide overall costs.

In this regard, I am applying Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act to your request wherein it states:

*'A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—
(a) the record concerned does not exist'*

You have subsequently sought *'how much the GAA contributed for the non-public duty costs of associated with the All-Ireland finals in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011'*

As you are aware, a Decision Log is available on the Garda website which publishes a list of all responses issued to Freedom of Information Requests (excluding requests for personal information) from the commencement date of 14th of October 2015. The information you have sought for 2015 is available on the Garda Síochána Freedom of Information Decision Log on the Garda Website and may be obtained by following clicking: <http://www.garda.ie/Controller.aspx?Page=15037&Lang=1> I wish to draw your attention to Decision FOI-000159-2015 and FOI-000029-2016 which is applicable to your request.

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

*'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,*

I am refusing the release of the costs of the All Ireland Football and Hurling finals for 2015 on the basis that the information is already in the public domain.

However, I can provide you with updated information since the publication of FOI-000029-2016. The following table outlines the non-public duty costs recovered from the GAA for years 2011 to 2014 inclusive.

All Ireland Hurling Finals		All Ireland Football Finals	
Date	Monies Received	Date	Monies Received
04/09/2011	€38,028.48	18/09/2011	€49,986.43
09/09/2012	€36,292.87	23/09/2012	€40,901.26
30/09/2012 (Replay)	€32,485.49	22/09/2013	€41,476.52
08/09/2013	€38,632.09	21/09/2014	€39,804.81
28/09/2013 (Replay)	€23,419.09		
07/09/2014	€35,991.59		
27/09/2014 (Replay)	€23,957.44		

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-000187-2016**.

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: 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

9th June 2016