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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000123-2016 Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and received on 30<sup>th</sup> March 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:

*How much the following events cost in terms of ‘non-public duty’ for extra Garda man power as well as general operational costs where possible.*

*And also, who An Garda Síochána sought payment from in relation to the ‘non-public duty’ costs?*

- 1. Ed Sheeran’s Croke Park concerts (July 2015)*
- 2. The Script’s Croke Park concerts (June 2015)*
- 3. One Direction (May 2014)*
- 4. Slane: Foo Fighters and Hozier (May 2015)*
- 5. Swedish House Mafia Phoenix Park (February 2014)*
- 6. St Patrick’s Day Festival in Dublin city (March 2016 and 2015)*
- 7. All-Ireland football and hurling finals 2014*
- 8. RBS Six Nations 2015 Ireland v England at the Aviva Stadium 1/3/2015*
- 9. Euro Qualifiers Ireland v Poland at the Aviva Stadium 29/3/2015*
- 10. Euro Qualifiers Ireland v Scotland at the Aviva Stadium 13/6/2015*
- 11. Euro Qualifiers Ireland v Germany at the Aviva Stadium 8/9/2015*

I, Helen Deely, Superintendent, wish to inform you that your request is **granted**.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

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

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.

Please see table below, outlining the amount invoiced/received for each of the events as requested above. Also, please find the names of whom these payments were received from in this regard.

Event	Organiser	Date(s)	Amount invoiced/received
Ed Sheeran Croke Park Concerts	Aiken Promotions	24 & 25/07/2015	€130,000
The Script Croke Park Concert	MCD	20/06/2015	€63,000
One Direction	MCD	23,24,25/05/2014	€210,000
Slane 2015	MCD	31/05/2015	€155,000
Phoenix Park Concerts 2012*	MCD	06,07,08/07/2012	€110,000
St. Patrick's Day 2015 & 2016	N/A	17/03/15&17/03/16	N/A - Public Event
All Ireland Football Final 2014	GAA	21/09/2014	€39,805
All Ireland Hurling Final 2014	GAA	07/09/2014	€35,992
All Ireland Hurling Final 2014 Replay	GAA	27/09/2014	€23,957
Ireland v England 6 Nations 2015	IRFU	01/03/2015	€28,881
Ireland v Poland Euro Qualifier	FAI	29/03/2015	€17,175
Ireland v Scotland Euro Qualifier	FAI	13/06/2015	€29,006
Ireland v Germany Euro Qualifier	FAI	08/10/2015	€32,265

\*This figure is the total charged for the July 2012 Phoenix Park Concerts. As the Swedish House Mafia performed on 7th July only it is not possible to provide specific costs.

## 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 **F01-000123-2016**.

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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:** BOFII2D

**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](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**

**April 2016**