

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000147-2016 Request Partially Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to this body dated and received on 18<sup>th</sup> April 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:

*All records relating to the filming of the BBC show "Top Gear" which took place in Kerry between 14/04/16 and 18/04/16*

*Including:*

- Any communications from the programme-makers and any subsequent replies from the Gardaí*
- Details of any costs incurred by the Gardaí to facilitate filming*
- Details of any road closures, diversions or security that had to be put in place to facilitate filming*

I wish to inform you that I have made a decision to partially grant your request on today's date.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

In relation to Part 1 & 3 of your request, I wish to inform you that 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.

I am refusing Part 1 & 3 of your request as the records sought fall outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

I refer to Part 2 of your request. The Financial Management System within An Garda Síochána was queried in conjunction with supplementary searches to identify if the records could be extracted to provide an answer to your request.

It has been determined that a unique project code was not established to capture costs associated with the 'Top Gear' event. It has also been determined that a charge was not incurred under Non Public Duty for this event.

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangement with organisers of events such as football matches, concerts, 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 can be made available for the performance of non-public duties and the State can charge for their services. This work is normally done by members who would otherwise be off-duty. It is general practice to charge organisations for the costs of duties performed by members inside the event.

In general the cost of policing, performed by Gardaí outside the event, such as traffic control and public order duties, which are in addition to those normally performed at the location, are not paid for by the organisation hosting the event. These duties are paid from the Garda vote. A separate project cost code was not established to capture the financial costs associated with this particular event. However, a manual search of records held in that Division identified relevant costs. This was only possible due to the limited number of financial records requiring review. As a result of the manual search of those records it has been determined that ten (10) hours overtime and €63.98 in subsistence allowance was expended in relation to traffic management, crowd control and public safety in relation to this event.

## **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 **F01-000147-2016**.

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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:** 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](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**

 **May 2016**