

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000188-2016 Partially Granted

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) and your submission to this body, dated 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and received on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

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:

*Please provide a breakdown of all contributions received from organisations, business, etc in relation to the non-public duties of gardai/ policing events etc. Timeframe for the breakdown is 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. Please breakdown as follows: GAA - €30,000 –All Ireland Football day on September 6 2015. Please also state how organisers / the gardai determine the level of contribution which is to me made for policing an event.*

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 Gardai 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.

I am refusing your request for a breakdown of the receipts by entity and event under Section 15(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as the records you have sought are too voluminous. The Financial Management Systems records the organisation and the date of payment only. In order to provide a break-down as requested would require the matching of each FMS record to the relevant manual record to establish the event and date. This would cause a disruption to the working of a functional area of An Garda Síochána by reason of the nature and volume of the records involved.

*"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—  
(c) in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the P1)1 body concerned,"*

However, the table below outlines Non Public Duty Receipts for policing services at various public events for 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.

<b>Event Type</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Concerts/Festivals	€ 961,347.20	€ 1,211,840.62	€ 1,648,516.80	€ 1,009,496.57
Film Production	€ 103,274.23	€ 113,081.08	€ 143,117.10	€ 150,889.27
Other Events	€ 187,127.88	€ 71,328.04	€ 100,236.45	€ 490,856.74
Other Payments	€ 562,152.88	€ 549,288.35	€ 1,292,265.16	€ 1,693,949.85
Sporting Fixtures	€ 2,038,201.84	€ 1,004,907.46	€ 1,698,977.67	€ 1,549,317.22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>€ 3,852,104.03</b>	<b>€ 2,950,445.55</b>	<b>€ 4,883,113.18</b>	<b>€ 4,894,509.65</b>

If you wish to request details of monies received from a specific company, organisation, charity, state body, community or group for policing of events, please submit a request under the Freedom of Information 2014 to this Office detailing the organisation name and date(s) of the events that are of interest to you.

With regard to the final element of your request, 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.

## **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-000188-2016**.

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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,

Helen Deely SUPERINTENDENT  
HELEN DEELY  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

8<sup>th</sup> June 2016