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An Garda Síochána
Athlumney House
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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000421-2016 Granted

Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and your submission to An Garda Síochána dated 21st November 2016 and received on 23rd November 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:-

A breakdown of the cost of Garda overtime in each division in 2016.

I have now made a final decision to grant your request on 12th December 2016

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records and identified the following records below. The overtime below is a breakdown of the overtime expenditure for the 29 Operational Garda Divisions of An Garda Síochána between the 1st Jan 2016 and the 31st October 2016. The figures shown refer to the period that the overtime was paid out and not necessarily the period of time the costs were incurred. This is due to a number of factors such as the fact that the roster system worked by An Garda Síochána does not align with the calendar months and payment of overtime is generally issued within two weeks after the end of each roster. Therefore overtime can be incurred in two different months and paid out in a different third month. It is also possible, whilst not a widespread common occurrence, for overtime to be retrospectively claimed for previous months and recorded in the months the claim is paid out and not the month the overtime was incurred.

DIVISION	OVERTIME
DMR East (PDMRE)	€1,568,869
DMR North (PDMRN)	€6,402,633
DMR North Central (PDMNC)	€8,278,967
DMR South (PDMRS)	€3,693,183
DMR South Central (PDMSC)	€7,668,685
DMR Traffic (PDMRT)	€486,579
DMR West (PDMRW)	€6,007,853
Kildare (PCWKE)	€1,064,747
Laois/Offaly (PLSOY)	€1,534,495
Meath (PMEAT)	€1,102,637
Westmeath (PLDWH)	€561,167
Wicklow (PWICK)	€723,506
Cavan/Monaghan (PCNMN)	€791,037
Donegal (PDONL)	€1,113,595
Louth (PLHMH)	€1,959,349
Sligo/Leitrim (PSOLM)	€478,389
Kilkenny/Carlow (PKKCW)	€1,090,379
Tipperary (PTIPP)	€1,153,072
Waterford (PWDKK)	€853,773
Wexford (PWXWW)	€884,566
Cork City (PCORK)	€853,370
Cork North (PCRKN)	€344,911
Cork West (PCRKW)	€257,517
Kerry (PKRRY)	€757,980
Limerick (PLIMK)	€1,171,207
Clare	€732,434
Galway	€1,222,099
Mayo	€1,454,373
Roscommon/Longford	€179,796

It should also be noted that overtime is only payable to members at Garda, Sergeant and Inspector Rank.

The nature of Garda work and the requirement that the Garda authorities respond, in some cases at short notice, to immediate policing demands means that there is a necessity to incur overtime expenses to ensure effective policing. Accordingly, there will always be a need for a certain level of overtime to allow An Garda Síochána flexibility when responding to circumstances that require additional resources for specific operations. These additional resources will have to be over and above those available from Gardaí on rostered duty thus ensuring the continuation of normal policing duties unabated.

In addition a number of police led operations, in various years, required the deployment of extra resources on overtime. This includes the implementation of anti-crime and anti-burglary initiatives such as Operation Anvil and Operation Thor. Similarly non-crime related events and events organised by interest groups within the general public can require overtime to police effectively as additional Gardaí may need to be deployed to ensure public safety.

2. Rights 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-000421-2016**.

Freedom of Information Office,
An Garda Síochána,
Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown,
Navan,
Co. Meath.
C15 DR90.

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: IE86BoF190001710026896
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 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**
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

12th December 2016