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Mr. Darren Hassett

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000210-2017 Request Granted

Dear Mr. Hassett,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 12th May 2017, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána.

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I'm requesting information on the amount of overtime paid to Gardaí in Carlow for 2014, 2015, 2016 and up to May 12 of 2017.

Under the Act, I'm also requesting:

A breakdown of the amount of the overtime paid to Gardaí according to rank.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 1st June 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records and the following records have been identified.

Carlow/Kilkenny	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Garda	300,330	480,711	982,657	497,757
Sergeant	128,374	204,737	354,302	180,156
Inspector	69,578	67,000	89,463	33,881

*Figures for 2017 are to April 2017

The Garda divisions do not necessarily align with county borders. For example within County Cork there are 3 Garda divisions (Cork North, Cork City and Cork West) while conversely other Garda divisions may comprise of more than one county such as Sligo/Leitrim or Carlow/Kilkenny. In accordance with this geographical layout, the figures provided above are a breakdown of the overtime paid to Garda members on a Garda divisional basis within the Carlow/Kilkenny Division.

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 Operation Anvil and Operation Thor. Similarly non-crime related events and events organized 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. 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-0000210- 2017**.

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You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-0000210-2017 is included your appeal application.


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

 **JUNE 2017**