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Mr. Sean Dunne,

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000301-2017 Request Part Granted

Dear Mr. Dunne,

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 5th July 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 Acts 2014, I am requesting the following information.

- 1: How much was spent by the Gardaí on the security operation for the recent visit of Prince Charles.*
- 2: How many extra gardaí were deployed to work during the visit.*
- 3: A list of threats that were received by gardaí in relation to the visit of Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla.'*

The FOI Act does not confer a general right of access to information; rather it confers a right of access to records. Therefore, your request for information has been treated as a request for access to records containing the information you seek.

I have now made a final decision to partially grant your request on the 28th July 2017. The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request on the Financial Management System (FMS).

I have made a decision to grant Part 1 of your request '*How much was spent by the Gardaí on the security operation for the recent visit of Prince Charles*'.

The visit of HRH the Prince of Wales and HRH the Duchess of Cornwall required security arrangements to be put in place by An Garda Síochána to ensure the safety of the visitors and the maintenance of public safety. The total expenditure from 1st January 2017 to 24th July 2017 in respect of the official visit was €2,119,742.

Please note that some of the expenditure associated with this figure may relate to the official visit of HRH the Prince of Wales in 2016. This may be due to a delay in the submission of financial claims. It is not practical to review all financial claims made in 2017 with regard to the visits of HRH Prince of Wales as this would involve a manual trawl of the financial records in an effort to identify those relating to 2017 only. Notwithstanding the aforementioned the possible amount relating to delayed payments for 2016 should not be of significance in the expenditure relating to 2017.

As there is no activity based costing system in An Garda Síochána it is not possible to provide a total cost for an activity which includes salaries. Therefore the expenditure provided excludes salaries.

I also wish to advise that I have made a decision to refuse Part 2 and Part 3 of your request shown below.

Part 2: *How many extra gardaí were deployed to work during the visit.*

Part 3: *A list of threats that were received by gardaí in relation to the visit of Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla.'*

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Parts 2 and 3 of your request relate to operational policing matters which do not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

I am therefore refusing your request as it falls outside the scope of the FOI Act insofar as it pertains to An Garda Síochána.

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-000301-2017**.

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: IE86B0F190001710026896

BIC: BOFIIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000301-2017 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,



ANTHONY M. O'DONNELL
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

27 JULY 2017