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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000474-2017 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 25th October 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:

In the past three years how much has An Garda received in fees to police events in Donegal?

By events I mean any concerts or sporting events as well as any festivals or parades held by community, voluntary and charity groups in the county.

Can I get this broken down by the name of the event and how much the organisers of each event contributed financially.

I am aware that similar figures for the whole of Ireland were supplied recently to Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald (<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/gardai-received-over-30m-since-2010-to-police-concerts-and-sporting-events-453010.html>) and I was looking to get them broken down to Donegal level,

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I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 20th November, 2017.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána who have briefed this office on the provisions of non-public duty and have also identified the records for years 2015, 2016 and up to 20th November 2017. A copy of these records are outlined below.

Payments Received 2015 – Donegal Division

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Place of duty</i>	<i>Amount(€)</i>
Donegal GAA	McCumail Park	€ 546.21
Donegal GAA	Letterkenny	€ 250.77
Donegal GAA	Ballybofey	€ 1,535.60
Inishowen Athletics Club	Buncrana	€ 250.00
Buncrana Duathlon	Buncrana	€ 150.00
Donegal Rally	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Donegal Rally	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Ulster GAA	Ballybofey	€ 9,000.00
Dungloe Community	Dungloe	€ 1,000.00
Rory Gallagher Festival	Ballyshannon	€ 1,500.00
Sea Sessions	Ballyshannon	€ 4,000.00
Sheep Shearing	Buncrana	€ 1,000.00
Inishowen Vintage Show	Buncrana	€ 300.00
Gael Force North	Gweedore	€ 376.62
Dungloe Festival	Dungloe	€ 1,500.00
Clonmany Festival	Donegal	€ 3,000.00
Clonmany Festival	Donegal	€ 2,000.00
Dunfanaghy Jazz	Milford	€ 500.00
Donegal GAA	Ballybofey	€ 912.28
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	€ 240.00
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	€ 640.00

Payments Received 2016 – Donegal Division

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Place of duty</i>	<i>Amount(€)</i>
Donegal GAA	Ballybofey	€ 900.93
Donegal GAA	Letterkenny	€ 1,155.84
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	€ 1,200.00
Inishowen AC	Buncrana	€ 300.00
Rory Gallagher Festival	Ballyshannon	€ 3,000.00
Sea Sessions	Ballyshannon	€ 4,000.00
Donegal Rally	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Donegal Rally	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Space Bear Films	Malin head	€ 13,173.43
Moville Vintage Rally	Moville	€ 600.00
Mary from Dungloe	Donegal	€ 1,500.00
Clonmany Music Festival	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Dunfanaghy Jazz Festival	Milford	€ 500.00
Butter Productions	Glenveagh	€ 352.08
Donegal GAA	McCumhaill Park	€ 1,444.80

**Payments Received 2017 – Donegal Division
(01.01.2017 – 20.11.2017)**

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Place of duty</i>	<i>Amount Paid(€)</i>
Finn Harps	Ballbofey	€ 1,200.00
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	€ 1,200.00
Derry City FC	Buncrana	€ 600.00
Derry City FC	Buncrana	€ 1,200.00
Derry City FC	Buncrana	€ 1,200.00
Derry City FC	Buncrana	€ 4,200.00
Sea Sessions	Bundoran	€ 4,000.00
Rory Gallagher Festival	Ballyshannon	€ 3,000.00
Jamboree In the Park	Letterkenny	€ 1,600.00
Donegal Rally	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Donegal Rally	Donegal	€ 5,000.00
Cumann Luthchleas Gael	Ballybofey	€ 1,356.39

Moville Vintage Rally	Moville	€	600.00
Mary From Dungloe	Dungloe	€	1,500.00
Mary From Dungloe	Dungloe	€	1,000.00
Clonmany Festival	Clonmany	€	5,000.00
Dunfanaghy Jazz Festival	Milford	€	300.00

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 Gardaí 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. However, at some specific larger events An Garda Síochána seeks a contribution from the promoters to overall policing costs. In this regard, 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.

At all times it is the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate concern.

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-000474-2017.

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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000474-2017) 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,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**
HELEN DEELY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

21st **NOVEMBER 2017**