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Mr John Mooney
The Sunday Times

Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000032-2017 **Grant**

Dear .

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 17th January 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:

'Could you provide information on the garda overtime bill for 2016, specifically a division by division breakdown and how many staff availed of overtime in each division. I also wish to obtain information on the gardai who earned the most overtime in 2016. Could you provide information on the top 5 earners, where they were stationed and how much they earned'

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 22nd February 2017. Appendix A refers.

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 records attached at Appendix A. The figures attached show the overtime expenditure for the 29 Operational Garda Divisions.

The number of staff attached is the number of staff who claimed overtime in each of these Divisions.

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.

The second part of your request sought the top 5 overtime earners in 2016 and their rank. Please see below this information as requested. It should be noted that overtime is only payable to members at Garda, Sergeant and Inspector Rank.

Location	Value €	Rank
DMR	67,947	Sergeant
DMR	67,544	Sergeant
DMR	62,299	Sergeant
National Services	58,542	Garda
National Services	58,414	Garda

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 **F01-000032-2017**.

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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: BOFIIE2D

You must ensure 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**
HELEN DEELY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

23RD FEBRUARY 2017

Appendix A**Garda Operational Divisional Overtime Expenditure 2016**

Division	Total	Number of Staff
DMR South Central	€9,890,221	646
DMR Southern	€4,627,109	501
DMR Northern	€7,821,795	628
DMR North Central	€10,218,352	549
DMR Western	€7,403,112	624
DMR Eastern	€2,003,451	338
DMR Traffic Division	€613,929	105
Wicklow	€825,191	292
Louth	€2,443,937	277
Meath	€1,381,331	259
Westmeath	€1,997,823	215
Laois/Offaly	€1,894,619	288
Kildare	€1,420,827	278
Wexford	€1,251,713	243
Waterford	€1,057,492	244
Kilkenny/Carlow	€1,702,846	309
Tipperary	€1,416,913	328
Cork City	€1,410,422	547
Cork North	€549,211	281
Cork West	€369,815	254
Kerry	€930,000	274
Limerick	€1,472,034	470
Clare	€924,664	275
Galway	€1,766,967	534
Roscommon/Longford	€821,815	271
Mayo	€1,741,201	279
Sligo/Leitrim	€1,001,916	286
Donegal	€1,349,557	363
Cavan/Monaghan	€1,002,691	298
TOTAL	€71,310,954	10,256