

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000243-2022 Request Granted

**Dear**

I refer to your request, dated and received on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 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 FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:*

- *a database/spreadsheet/record of the cost of the ten most expensive events policed by An Garda Síochána in 2021 and to date in 2022, both in terms of the non-public duty services provided by Gardai and paid for by the host organisations, as well as the cost of associated policing duties performed outside these events that would be deemed additional to those normally performed at the location are not paid by the organisation hosting the event.*
- *a database/spreadsheet/record of the monies recouped by An Garda Síochána for policing services at each of these ten events.*
- *a record of how much money AGS has recouped for policing all types of such events in the period above, with a list of the top five organisations that have paid for such services and how much e.g. the GAA, the FAI, MCD, etc.*

*I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

### 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána. The records provided have been abstracted from the Financial Management Services system, which identifies the various organisations and amount of money charged and received by An Garda Síochána for the policing services at specific events.

10 Most Expensive Events Policed 2021			
Hiring Body	Venue	Date of Duty	Amount Paid
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	21/11/2021	€28,074.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	28/11/2021	€28,021.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	11/11/2021	€25,923.21
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	13/11/2021	€24,511.00
GAA	Croke Park	22/08/2021	€22,093.03
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	06/11/2021	€20,881.00
GAA	Croke Park	11/09/2021	€18,652.32
FAI	Aviva Stadium	07/09/2021	€16,207.02
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	11/12/2021	€15,696.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	04/09/2021	€14,273.11

10 Most Expensive Events Policed 2022			
Hiring Body	Venue	Date of Duty	Amount Paid
MCD	Malahide Castle	14 to 25/06/2022	€271,845.00
MCD	St. Anne's Park	4,5,10,11,12/06/2022	€151,200.00
MCD	Aviva Stadium	22/06/2022	€47,000.00
MCD	Aviva Stadium	24/06/2022	€44,500.00
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	15/04/2022	€25,784.00
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	19/03/2022	€23,169.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	26/03/2022	€21,859.00
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	05/02/2022	€21,274.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	29/03/2022	€20,984.00
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	14/05/2022	€19,829.00

In relation to the records provided in the tables above for 2021 and 2022 to date I can advise that all monies have been recouped.

The total amount recouped for non-public duty events was €1,915,164 in 2021 and €2,173,709 in 2022 (to date)



The tables below provide the records sought regarding the top 5 organisations and the amounts paid by those organisations for policing events.

Top 5 Organisations that have Paid for Non-Public Duty 2021	
Organisation	Amount
Mar-Train Heavy Haulage	€309,993.00
Potteries Haulage	€247,432.00
GAA Croke Park	€122,850.00
Clocktower Films	€115,001.00
University Limerick	€112,140.00

Top 5 Organisations that have Paid for Non-Public Duty 2022	
Organisation	Amount
MCD	€604,745.00
IRFU	€196,892.00
FAI	€112,994.00
Daytona Heavy Haulage	€66,859.00
Amphitheatre Ireland	€65,105.00

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 performed 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-000243-2022**.

**Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.**

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:** An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

**Account Number:** 30000302

**Sort Code:** 951599

**IBAN:** IE28DABA95159930000302

**BIC:** DABAIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000243-2022 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](http://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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**PAUL BASSETT**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

16 JULY, 2022.