

# An Garda Síochána

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**Mr. Mark O'Regan**  
**Sunday Independent**

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000133-2017** **Partially Granted**

**Dear Mr. O'Regan,**

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 28<sup>th</sup> March, 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:

*The amount spent providing Noirin O'Sullivan with legal representation since she took on the role of Garda Commissioner.*

*This would include an itemised breakdown of all costs, including the name of the relevant legal firm and associated cost.*

*It would also include the reason for the employment of legal expertise for Commissioner O'Sullivan.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to partially grant your request on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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 as set out below.

An Garda Síochána invoked the services of the Legal Practitioners while conducting the recent O'Higgins and the MacLochlainn Commissions of Investigations and the DPP Vs Ian Bailey. The [Commissions of Investigation Act 2004](#) provides for the establishment of commissions of investigation which can investigate matters of significant public concern.

**The O'Higgins Commission of Investigation** was established in February 2015 to investigate and report on certain matters relative to the Cavan/Monaghan Division of the Garda Síochána.

	2015	2016	2017
ALEXANDER CAFFREY	€8,795		
COLM SMYTH	€53,914	€19,021	
GARRET BYRNE	€38,050	€30,353	
MICHAEL MACNAMEE	€39,187	€23,080	
SARAH-JANE HILLERY	€7,811		
SILIVA MARTINEZ GARCIA	€9,041		
MAURICE COLLINS S.C.		€8,303	€2,768

**The MacLochlainn Commission of Investigation** was established in August 2014 to undertake a thorough investigation of the fatal shooting of Mr. Ronan MacLochlainn by members of the Garda Síochána in the course of an attempted armed robbery of a Securicor van in Co. Wicklow in May 1998.

	2015	2016	2017
JIM BENSON	€23,269	€5,818	
MICHAEL DURACK S.C.	€158,040	€55,265	
PETER LEONARD.	€26,178	€19,868	

#### **DPP V's Ian Bailey**

In one particular case advices were sought in the case of the DPP Vs Ian Bailey.

	2015	2016	2017
LUAN O BRAONAIN BL	€1,194		

## **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 **F01-000133- 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 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](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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 SUPERINTENDENT.  
HELEN DEELY.  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER.

25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017