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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000014-2020 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 2nd January, 2020 and received on 3rd January, 2020 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:

I am looking for the following information under the FOI Act 2014:

The cost of the 20 most expensive events policed by An Garda Síochána in 2019, 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.

I also seek the monies recouped by An Garda Síochána for policing services at these ten events.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on 27th January, 2020.

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. As per your request, the attached appendix provides the names of the top 20 host organisations, the event and the amount paid to An Garda Síochána.

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-000014-2020**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000014-2020 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

27th JANUARY, 2020.

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NPD Top 20 2019

Organisation/Event	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
Festival Republic	Electric Picnic	29/08 to 02/09/2019	332,604.00
MCD	Malahide Castle	07,08,14,15,16,21,22/06/2019	306,000.00
MCD	Croke Park	05 & 06/07/2019	120,000.00
MCD	Marlay Park	05 to 07/07/2019	114,000.00
Irish Open Golf	Lahinch	03 to 07/07/2019	110,000.00
MCD	Independent Park	20 to 26/06/2019	72,000.00
MCD	Croke Park	24/05/2019	68,300.00
Ironman	Cork	23/06/2019	50,000.00
Life Festival	Belvedere House	24 to 26/05/2019	50,000.00
POD Concerts	All Together Now Portlao	01 to 05/08/2019	44,891.32
Bloom	Phoenix Park	30/05 to 03/06/2019	42,000.00
Ironman	Dun Laoghaire	25/08/2019	40,000.00
GAA	Croke Park	18/08/2019	38,249.17
Independence	Mitchelstown	01 to 05/08/2019	36,900.00
GAA	Croke Park	01/09/2019	36,154.00
EP Republic	Russborough House	28/06 to 01/07/2019	32,000.00
Cork City Council	Cork Marathon	02/06/2019	30,000.00
GAA	Croke Park	14/09/2019	29,446.65
IRFU	Aviva Stadium	10/03/2019	29,249.00
Great Dublin Bike Ride	Dublin	29/09/2019	29,000.00