

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000306-2022 Request Part - Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on **10<sup>th</sup> August, 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, I am requesting details of the amount paid to An Garda Síochána, as well as to individual Gardaí, for performing non-public duty service at League of Ireland games since 2018. I am seeking a breakdown of the amount paid to Gardaí by stadium as well as the 10 highest bills in that time*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part - grant your request on the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant section of An Garda Síochána to retrieve the information requested by you and a number of records have been identified.

The first part of your request is seeking "*details of the amount paid to An Garda Síochána, as well as to individual Gardaí, for performing non-public duty service at League of Ireland games since 2018.*"

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I have attached a table which details the amounts paid to An Garda Síochána for performing non – public duty service at League of Ireland games since 2018 which also includes the records sought in the last part of your request “*the 10 highest bills in that time*”.

I am refusing to provide the breakdown of payments to individual Gardai as the volume of work required to extract this information would cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with and significantly disrupt the workload of the relevant Office. I am therefore refusing to provide this information to you in accordance with Section 15 (1)(c).

**Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests:**

Section 15(1)(c) of the FOI Act 2014 states;

15. (1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—*
- in the opinion of the head, granting the request would, by reason of the number or nature of the records concerned or the nature of the information concerned, require the retrieval and examination of such number of records or an examination of such kind of the records concerned as to cause a substantial and unreasonable interference with or disruption of work (including disruption of work in a particular functional area) of the FOI body concerned,*

Furthermore, I deem the amount paid to individual Gardaí for non-public duty at League of Ireland games as personal information and therefore exempt for release under Section 37 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

**Section 37**

Section 37(1) provides that a public body shall refuse to grant a request if access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information relating to an individual other than the requester.

2. (1) *In this Act—*

*“personal information” means information about an identifiable individual that, either—*

*(a) would, in the ordinary course of events, be known only to the individual or members of the family, or friends, of the individual, or*

*(b) is held by an FOI body on the understanding that it would be treated by that body as confidential,*

*and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, includes—*

- (ii) information relating to the financial affairs of the individual*

**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-000306-2022**.

**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-000306-2022 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**

6 **SEPTEMBER 2022.**

**Response FOI 306-2022**

Under the FOI Act, I am requesting details of the amount paid to An Garda Síochána, as well as to individual Gardaí, for performing non-public duty service at League of Ireland games since 2018. I am seeking a breakdown of the amount paid to Gardaí by stadium as well as the 10 highest bills in that time.

The amounts paid to individual Gardaí is not available.

Below all amounts paid to An Garda Síochána.

<i>Club</i>	<i>Place of duty</i>	<i>Date Of Duty</i>	<i>Amnt Paid</i>
Limerick FC	Markets Field	24/02/2018	800.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	16/02/2018	3,520.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	09/03/2018	400.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	16,19/03/2018	3,200.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	30/03 & 02/04/2018	1,200.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	14,17/04/2018	1,200.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	30/04/2018	400.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	12/03/2018	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	16/04/2018	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	23/03 & 06/04/2018	480.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	23/03 & 06/04/2018	480.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	06/07/2018	320.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	14/08/2018	300.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	29/08/2018	340.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	15/10/2018	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	25/10/2018	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	30/11/2018	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	28/12/2018	200.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	01/04/2018	3,200.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	01/05/2018	1,720.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	12 & 21/05/2018	3,200.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	01/06/2018	800.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	15/06/2018	400.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	15/06/2018	400.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	10/07/2018	1,800.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	10/07/2018	4,000.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	10/07/2018	3,100.00
Drogheda United	Drogheda	10/08/2018	1,815.18
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	21/09/2018	2,300.00
Longford Town FC	Longford	07/09/2018	480.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	02/11/2018	400.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	09/03/2018	880.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	04/01/2018	200.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	18/01/2019	200.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	20/04/2018	840.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	25/05/2018	3,520.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	18/05/2018	1,100.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	05 & 19/05/2018	1,040.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	14/09/2018	800.00

Sligo Rovers	Sligo	26/10/2018	1,043.84
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	26/10/2018	760.00
Limerick FC	Markets Field	23/02/2019	424.96
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	25/02/2019	5,040.00
UCD FC	UCD Bowl	01/03/2019	720.80
Waterford FC	Waterford	15/02 & 01/03/2019	480.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	15/02 & 01/03/2019	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	01/04/2019	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	01/06/2019	240.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	01/07/2019	200.00
Waterford FC	Waterford	21/08/2019	240.00
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	01/04/2019	1,200.00
UCD FC	UCD Bowl	15/03/2019	200.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	29/03/2019	1,320.00
UCD FC	UCD Bowl	15 & 22/04/2019	600.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	03/05/2019	1,237.50
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	10/05/2019	1,485.00
UCD FC	UCD Bowl	17/05/2019	400.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	14/06/2019	4,455.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	10/07/2019	1,485.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	19/07/2019	1,235.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	09/08/2019	2,700.00
Longford Town FC	Longford	17/08/2019	1,000.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	27/09/2019	4,680.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	04/10/2019	990.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	11/10/2019	1,485.00
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	01/04/2019	1,200.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	22/02 & 06/04/2019	540.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	22/02 & 06/04/2019	540.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	08/06/2019	360.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	27/07/2019	675.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	04/05,29/09,05/10/2019	1,170.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	04/05,29/09,05/10/2019	670.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	04/05,29/09,05/10/2019	500.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	02 to 09/2020	1,000.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	02 to 09/2020	500.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	02 to 09/2020	500.00
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Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	15/02/2020	3,465.00
Longford Town FC	Longford	22/02/2020	480.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	06/03/2020	2,325.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	16/03 & 13/04/2018	4,480.00
St. Patrick's Athletic	Richmond Park	08,15,18,25/02 & 08/03/2019	5,000.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	01/03/2019	1,050.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	23 & 29/04/2019	5,660.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	28/06/2019	1,440.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	20/09/2019	1,480.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	28/02/2020	1,570.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	21/02/2020	675.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	01 to 12/2021	160.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	30/07 & 27/08/2021	480.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	23/04/2021	570.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	18/10/2021	1,260.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	10/09/2021	2,663.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	19/11/02021	1,353.00

Finn Harps	Ballybofey	01/10/2021	270.00
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	05/11/2021	405.00
Longford Town FC	Longford Town	2,23 & 29/10/2021	1,280.00
Dundalk FC	Oriel Park	07/11/2021	1,350.00
Dundalk FC	Oriel Park	19/11/2021	1,350.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	26/08/2021	1,305.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	19/11/2021	2,205.00
Treaty United	Marketsfield	24/09/2021	352.00
Dundalk FC	Oriel Park	02 to 12/2022	1,350.00
Dundalk FC	Oriel Park	28/02 & 14/03/2022	280.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	19/02/2022	953.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	19/02/2022	500.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	19/02/2022	500.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	05 & 23/04/2022	1,980.00
Sligo Rovers	Sligo	29/04/2022	1,080.00
Finn Harps	Ballybofey	04/03/2022	176.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	11/02/2022	4,950.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	18/03/2022	900.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	15/04/2022	1,485.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	18/04/2022	2,160.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	27/05/2022	2,205.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	24/06/2022	2,745.00
Treaty United	Marketsfield	18/03/2022	1,687.50
Bohemians FC	Dalymount Park	25/02/2022	1,536.00
Bohemians FC	Dalymount Park	28/02/2022	1,387.00
Bohemians FC	Dalymount Park	14/03/2022	1,387.00
Wexford FC	Ferrycarrig Park	01/04/2022	525.00
Wexford FC	Ferrycarrig Park	22/04/2022	459.00
Treaty United	Marketsfield	27/06/2022	1,125.00

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Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	16/02/2018	€3,520.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	01/04/2018	€3,200.00
Cork City FC	Turners Cross	10/07/2018	€4,000.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	25/05/2018	€3,520.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	25/02/2019	€5,040.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	14/06/2019	€4,455.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	27/09/2019	€4,680.00
Bohemians Football Club	Dalymount Park	15/02/2020	€3,465.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	11/02/2022	€4,950.00
Shamrock Rovers	Tallaght Stadium	24/06/2022	€2,745.00