

An Garda Síochána

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Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh,
Contae na Mí.
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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000173-2021 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 7th May, 2021 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:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I request that a digital copy of the following records be provided to Radio Kerry:

All invoices/receipts held by the Kerry Garda Division, if any, for private transport costs, including taxis, for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020. I am not seeking invoices/receipts relating to garda vehicles.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 26th May 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the relevant Sections of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search to establish what records were held in relation to your request.

The table below provides the expenditure of private transport including taxis for the Kerry Division for the requested years.

Description	Invoice Date	Amount
Private Transport/Taxi Service	15-Mar-2018	€650.00
Private Transport/Taxi Service	13-Dec-2019	€213.40
Private Transport/Taxi Service	13-Feb-2020	€12.80

I am also attaching copies of the Invoices for the amounts above. I have refused and redacted the release of certain information contained in the attached records pursuant to Section 37 of the Act which states:

I am satisfied that certain parts of the records relate to a third party. The individuals named in these records would become identifiable beyond their family and friends and it would be considered a breach of the confidentiality upon which the information is being held by the Garda Organisation. The release of such information which is specific to each individual, will allow for a person to become more identifiable and named in the public domain. As such, I am satisfied that the records consist of the personal information of these third parties. Accordingly, I find that Section 37(1) of the Act applies to the records at issue.

Section 37(1) of the FOI Act are as follows:

37(1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual)

As per section 37 of the FOI Act, I have considered the public interest issues which arise in this case and have taken account of the following factors in favour of release:

- Ensuring openness and transparency of organisational functions to the greatest possible extent,
- The public interest in members of the public exercising their rights under the FOI Act,
- That there is more than just a transitory interest by the public in this information,
- The right to privacy is outweighed by the needs of the public.

In considering the public interest factors which favour withholding the records, I have taken account of the following:

- Allowing a public body to hold personal information without undue access by members of the public,
- The public interest is not best served by releasing these records,
- That the Organisation can conduct its business in a confidential manner,
- That there is a reasonable and implied expectation that sensitive personal information will remain confidential,
- That there is no overriding public interest that outweighs the individual's right to privacy.

Having balanced the factors both for and against the release of the information, I decided that the public interest in preserving the personal information and the reasonable expectation that information be maintained in a confidential manner by An Garda Síochána outweighs the public interest which would be served were the records released to you.

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-000173-2021**.

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-000173-2021) 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

26 May, 2021.

THANK.



TAXI SERVICE
REG NO: 16A-D-17873
SPSU NO: W31028

15/01/2020 23:20

RECEIPT N. 795
START 19/01/2020 23:16
END 19/01/2020 23:20

MT. RUN 0.7

FARE 5.80
EXTRAS 7.00
TOTAL 12.80

TIPS/TOLL
DISCOUNT
TOTAL

THANKS

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TAX RECEIPT
SYS. NO: 50984
REG. NO: 11-84-3736
DIPLO CABS
TEL 987 2778072

12/11/2019 15:13

RECEIPT N. 3804
START 12/11/2019 09:38
END 12/11/2019 15:13

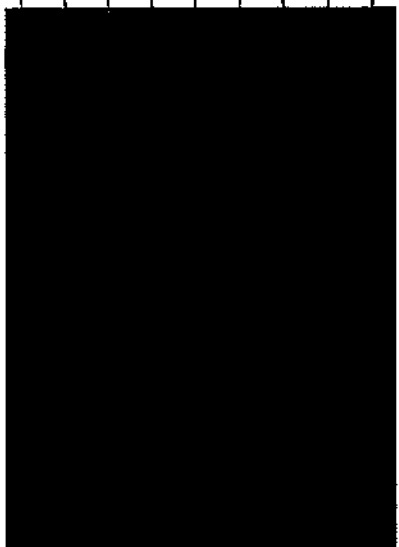
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TOTAL 213.40

TIPS/TOLL
DISCOUNT
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THANKS

To: FRANK
GARDA
STAFFORD

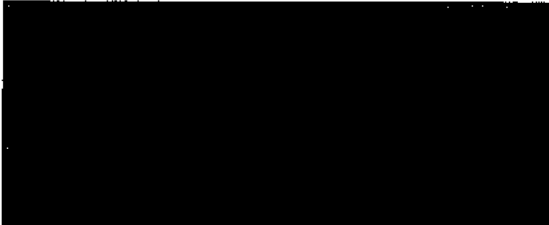
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TOTAL DUE € 213.40

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Thank you for your order



Phone : [Redacted]
 Fax : [Redacted]
 Vat No : NOT APPLICABLE

Account : Chief Superintendent Gardai
 Tralee Co Kerry

Invoice No : 002253

Invoice Date : 29/01/2018
 Your Ref :
 Our Ref :
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A/C Code : GARDAT

Notes : [Redacted]

Description	Qty	Price	Vat Rate	Value
[Redacted]	1	650.0000	0.00	650.00



Vat Rate	Net	Vat
0.00	650.00	0.00

Total Net: 650.00

Total Vat: 0.00

Total: 650.00