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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000041-2020 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 21st 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:

In accordance with Section 12 of the Act, I wish to request access to the following:

- *All dates of policing for events at Leopardstown Racecourse from 1 January 2019 to 1 January 2020.*
- *The total amount paid to An Garda Síochána for policing these events.*

In this regard, I have decided to grant your request on the 17th February, 2020.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt your request was forwarded to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána. I can now advise that €12,500.00 was paid to An Garda Síochána for policing events at Leopardstown Racecourse in 2019. The table below details the events at Leopardstown throughout 2019.

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Date	Event
02/02/2019	Dublin Racing Festival Day 1
03/02/2019	Dublin Racing Festival Day 2
03/03/2019	TRI Equestrian Day
04/03/2019	National Hunt Finale
03/04/2019	Spin Student Raceday
06/04/2019	Ballylinch Stud Classic Trials Day
12/05/2019	Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial
17/05/2019	Ladies Evening Racing
06/06/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
13/06/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
20/06/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
11/07/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
18/07/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
25/07/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
08/08/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
15/08/2019	Bulmers Live at Leopardstown
14/09/2019	Longines Irish Champions Weekend
19/10/2019	Killavullan Stakes
26/10/2019	October Handicap Day
26/12/2019	Christmas Festival
27/12/2019	Christmas Festival
28/12/2019	Christmas Festival
29/12/2019	Christmas Festival

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-000041-2020**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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: 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-000041-2020) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

17 FEBRUARY, 2020.