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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000233-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 13th June, 2018 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 seeking details relating to the ten most expensive events which which were policed, under non-public duty, by members An Garda Siochana within the Limerick garda division during 2017.

I am seeking details of the organiser/host of each event including the amount of monies recouped by An Garda Síochána for policing services at the ten events.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 2nd July, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána who have briefed this office and provided details of "the ten most expensive events which were policed,

under non-public duty, by members An Garda Siochana within the Limerick garda division during 2017." These organisations have provided payment to An Garda Siochana to perform non-public duty at sports and other events in the Limerick Garda Division in 2017.

Having reviewed the records provided to me I have decided to grant your request, the details of which are provided at **Appendix A**. Please note that the figures provided include amounts received by An Garda Síochána up to the 15th June 2018.

Under Section 30 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, An Garda Síochána may provide and charge for police services for events on private property or in areas open to the public if:

- (a) It is in the public interest and consistent with the functions of An Garda Síochána to provide the services, and
- (b) The Commissioner is satisfied that the person has paid or will pay to the Commissioner the charges for the services.

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangements made with the organisers of events such as football matches, agricultural shows, concerts, 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, the level of contribution to be made to An Garda Síochána is agreed by the local District Officer with the organisers, having taken 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-000233-2018.

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: IE86BOFI90001710026896

BIC: BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000233-2018) 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,

SUPERINTENDENT

SHARON KENNEDY

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

⊅2 JULY, 2018

FOI 233/2018 NPD Top 10 Limerick Division 2017

Applicant	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
Great Limerick Run	Limerick	30/4/2017	€ 15,000.00
Munster Rugby	Thomond Park	9/12/2017	€ 3,920.00
Limerick Races	Limerick	30/03 & 06/04/2017	€ 3,526.60
Munster Rugby	Thomond Park	21/10/2017	€ 3,520.00
Munster Rugby	Thomond Park	1/4/2017	€ 3,280.00
Cumann Luthchleas Gael	Gaelic Grounds	22/7/2017	€ 2,686.66
Pig N Porter	Limerick	15 & 16/07/2017	€ 2,676.52
Munster GAA	Gaelic Grounds	26/7/2017	€ 2,377.28
Munster Rugby	Thomond Park	20/5/2017	€ 1,920.00
Munster Rugby	Thomond Park	9/9/2017	€ 1,440.00

Notes:

- 1.Includes amounts received up to 15.06.2018.
- 2.Includes sporting and/or cultural events.