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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000235-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on the 15th 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:

- 1) *The total amount of revenue that has yet to be paid to An Garda Síochána in respect of An Garda Síochána policing an event for a commercial company in respect of each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017*
- 2) *The number of events where the costs for such events were in excess of €25,000 have yet to be paid to AGS in respect of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. For assistance what I mean eg 2014 X number of events, 2015 Y number of events etc*
- 3) *If AGS requests from commercial companies where AGS have policed their event that all policing costs must be fully paid up within the subsequent 6 months of event*
- 4) *The steps AGS are taken to recoup all the outstanding revenue due to them are claimed.*

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I wish to inform you that I have decided to Grant your request on 12th July, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my 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 on the provisions of non-public duty and have also identified the records outlined below.

Part one of your request seeking “the total amount of revenue that has yet to be paid to An Garda Síochána in respect of An Garda Síochána policing an event for a commercial company in respect of each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017” which is detailed in Table A.

Table A: -

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2014	€ 100,671.17
2015	€ 82,055.48
2016	€ 125,457.35
2017	€220,704.59

Part 2 of your request seeks “the number of events where the costs for such events were in excess of €25,000 have yet to be paid to AGS in respect of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. For assistance what I mean eg 2014 X number of events, 2015 Y number of events etc” which is detailed in Table B.

Table B: -

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Events</i>
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	1

Part 3 of your request seeks “If AGS requests from commercial companies where AGS have policed their event that all policing costs must be fully paid up within the subsequent 6 months of event”. I am to advise you that there is no stipulation to companies that they pay in full within the subsequent 6 months of event.

Part 4 of your request asks what “steps AGS are taken to recoup all the outstanding revenue due to them are claimed” we have been advised by the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána that there are 3 separate steps taken to recoup outstanding revenue:

- Reminders are issued to the hiring bodies involved.
- District and Divisional Officers are notified of outstanding amounts for events which have taken place within their jurisdiction and requested to follow up on same with hiring bodies.
- If a commercial company/hiring body with outstanding invoices makes an application for further policing at a future event, sanction is not granted until the hiring body has cleared their previous invoice. The exception to this is in the case of certain sporting events, An Garda Síochána have a fiduciary duty to provide a service for health and safety reasons.

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 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.

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-000235-2018**.

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-000235-2018 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

12 July, 2018.