

# An Garda Síochána

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Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail,  
Baile Sheáin, An Uaimh,  
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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000261-2018 Request Granted

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4<sup>th</sup> July 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:

*'Materials providing the total cost of policing the three Ed Sheeran concerts in Pairc Uí Chaoimh, in Cork city, on May 4, 5 and 6.'*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 identified records and briefed this office in this regard.

Having reviewed the records provided to me, I wish to advise you that a total amount of €90,000 has been invoiced/charged for the three Ed Sheeran concerts (€30,000 per concert) which took place in Pairc Ui Chaoimh, Cork City on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

It should be further noted, that 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 **F0I-000261-2018**.

***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,

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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:** IE86B0F190001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000261-2018) 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](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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**  
**SHARON KENNEDY**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

12 JULY 2018