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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000079-2019 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 15th February, 2019 and received on 18th February, 2019 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:

- *A list of organisations where An Garda Síochána were requested to police their events in the years 2017 and 2018 in the Cork Region. I'm only looking for the amount received from each organisation were charged a minimum of €5,000 for policing their event.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 12th March 2019.

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 have provided details of organisations who charged a minimum of €5,000 to police events in 2017 and 2018 in the Cork Region. Please see attached records at Appendix A.

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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.

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-000079-2019**.

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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-000079-2019) 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,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

12th MARCH, 2019.

Appendix A

Applicant	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
Cork City Council	Cork	01/03/2017	€ 106,523.32
Aiken Promotions	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	04,05,06/05/2018	€ 90,000.00
Cumann Luthchleas Gael	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	22 & 23/07/2017	€ 34,016.37
Aiken Promotions	Cork	07/06 to 14/07/2018	€ 28,598.00
Cork City Council	Cork City Marathon	02/06/2018	€ 28,000.00
Aiken Promotions	Marquee, Cork	09/06 to 15/07/2017	€ 27,185.26
Munster GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	23/06/2018	€ 25,500.00
Munster GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	03/06/2018	€ 23,500.00
Munster GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	20/05/2018	€ 22,720.00
Indiependence	Mitchelstown	04 to 07/08/2017	€ 22,000.00
Indiependence	Mitchelstown	03,04,05/08/2018	€ 22,000.00
Cork City Council	Cork City Marathon	04/06/2017	€ 15,000.00
Cork GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	08,15 & 22/10/2017	€ 13,740.00
Liam Miller Match	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	25/09/2018	€ 12,000.00
Cork City Council	Cork City	09 to 14/08/2018	€ 8,460.00
Cork GAA	Pairc Ui Chaoimh	27/01/2018	€ 7,959.44
Townlands Festival	Macroom	20 to 22/07/2018	€ 7,890.58
Cork Summer Show	Bishopstown	17 & 18/06/2017	€ 7,877.28
Mahon Point Shopping Centre	Cork	24/11/17 to 07/01/2018	€ 6,670.66
Mahon Point Shopping Centre	Cork City	01 to 31/12/2018	€ 6,499.84
Cork Summer Show	Cork	16 & 17/06/2018	€ 5,920.00
Charleville Show	Charleville	23 & 24/06/2018	€ 5,480.00
Kinsale Rugby 7s	Kinsale	28/04 to 01/05/2017	€ 5,200.00
Kinsale Sevens	Kinsale	04 to 07/05/2018	€ 5,200.00

Note:

Includes events that took place in 2017 & 2018 where the amount due was paid by 07.03.2019