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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000098-2023 **Request Part-Granted**

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 9th March, 2023 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:

If you could look at the video below, I would like the names of all members of Guardai who took part in this dancing and I would also like dates of when each piece of footage was recorded. I would like to know which jurisdiction/ Guarda station each Garda involved was normally based/stationed at the time.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4fK12XUmgQ

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 13th March, 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request this office carried out a review of previous requests in relation to the Jerusalema Challenge Video. I am refusing parts of your request in accordance with Section 15 (1)(d) of the FOI Act as these parts were subject to a previous FOI requests.

15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where – (d) the information is already in the public domain.

As it is, the policy of An Garda Síochaná to publish all non-personal requests that result in a release of records you may access this request by following the link below.

https://www.garda.ie/en/information-centre/freedom-of-information/decision-log/freedom-of-information-office/freedom-of-information-foi-decision-logs-2021.html

There were 34 individuals involved in the making of the video. This figure comprised of Garda members and Garda staff including an in-house videographer. We have been advised that the participants involved in the video who were scheduled to work were facilitated in this community engagement initiative, while others were off duty and gave their time free.

I can advise that filming took place at the following locations: Woodstock, Thomastown, Co Kilkenny; Tralee Garda Station, Tralee, Co Kerry; Blennerville, Tralee, Co Kerry; Fenit Port, Co Kerry; Banna Strand, Co Kerry; Parkes Castle, Kilmore, Fivemilebourne, Co Leitrim, Garda Mounted Unit, Phoenix Park, Dublin 8; Garda College, Templemore, Co Tipperary; and Rosses Point, Co Sligo. At each location the participants were all Garda members and Garda staff, and were all from the local Garda Divisions.

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-000098-2023.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000098-2023 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,

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

/5 MARCH, 2023