

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000149-2019 Decision Grant

**Dear**

I refer to your request, dated and received on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 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:

- 1) *The budget allocation to each Garda Division in the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 in tabular form*
- 2) *The amount and percentage of the budget allocation that was spent in each Garda Division in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in tabular form*

Your clarified request sought:

*Yes I will accept the budgets for both Travel and Substance and overtime allocated to each Garda Regional in the years in question.*

*I am looking for both Garda members and Garda staff.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, 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 Directorate within An Garda Síochána who have briefed this Office and provided records in respect of same (appendices attached).

The nature of Garda work and the requirement that the Garda authorities respond, in some cases at short notice, to immediate policing demands means that there is a necessity to incur overtime expenses to ensure effective policing. Accordingly, there will always be a need for a certain level of overtime to allow An Garda Síochána flexibility when responding to circumstances that require additional resources for specific operations. These additional resources will have to be over and above those available from Gardaí on rostered duty thus ensuring the continuation of normal policing duties unabated.

In addition, police led operations can require the deployment of extra resources on overtime. This includes the implementation of anti-crime and anti-burglary initiatives. Similarly, non-crime related events and events organised by interest groups within the general public can require overtime to police effectively as additional Gardaí may need to be deployed to ensure public safety.

Budgets are allocated to regions at the beginning of each year and these allocations are outlined in column A of the attached appendices. Additional budget allocations are then made in respect of special events/operations in certain regions. The budget figures attached do not include these additional allocations. However, the expenditure figures shown for each region are outlined in column B. This includes expenditure on special events & operations.

In addition, due to operational exigencies which resulted in higher overtime expenditure than the original budget, an additional budget was given as part of the estimates process at the year end. However, as this amount is not allocated on a regional basis, it is not included in the budget figures attached, therefore the budget and expenditure figures shown are not comparable.

## 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-000149-2019**.

***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:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000149-2019) 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](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,

Maria Brodigan ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
MARIA BRODIGAN  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

6<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2019.

## 2016

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2016 Garda Overtime €</b>	<b>B 2016 Garda Overtime Additional Events/Operations €</b>
DMR	15,726,658	43,390,108
East	3,373,423	7,519,791
North	2,869,923	5,798,101
South East	2,339,651	5,428,964
South	3,361,479	5,428,964
West	2,485,287	5,254,647
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	6,698,079	17,910,765

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2016 Garda Staff Overtime €</b>	<b>B 2016 Garda Staff Overtime Additional Events/Operations €</b>
DMR	91,199	288,594
East	24,242	34,780
North	16,974	34,796
South East	19,431	23,048
South	33,397	52,154
West	15,589	22,722
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	378,394	582,663

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2016 Travel &amp; Sub Garda &amp; Garda Staff €</b>	<b>B 2016 Travel &amp; Sub Garda &amp; Garda Staff Additional Event/Operations €</b>
DMR	2,483,955	3,882,839
East	1,254,138	1,839,388
North	1,232,543	2,007,902
South East	949,364	1,109,136
South	1,488,689	1,437,736
West	1,615,631	1,966,841
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	3,421,026	4,751,844

## 2017

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2017 Garda Overtime €</b>	<b>B 2017 Garda Overtime Additional Events/Operations €</b>
DMR	29,138,537	57,583,766
East	7,164,384	12,622,689
North	5,614,019	8,745,639
South East	4,629,535	9,623,912
South	6,090,293	9,840,536
West	5,160,065	7,834,508
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	9,478,553	24,593,272

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2017 Garda Staff Overtime €</b>	<b>B 2017 Garda Staff Overtime Additional Events/Operations €</b>
DMR	130,353	330,707
East	26,261	50,399
North	17,612	31,859
South East	22,000	61,890
South	40,000	77,525
West	19,697	25,787
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	448,116	708,709

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2017 Travel &amp; Sub Garda &amp; Garda Staff €</b>	<b>B 2017 Travel &amp; Sub Garda &amp; Garda Staff Additional Event/Operations €</b>
DMR	3,368,314	4,248,336
East	1,224,575	2,032,742
North	1,632,143	1,560,860
South East	960,462	1,351,359
South	1,615,627	1,737,637
West	1,705,032	2,003,557
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	4,110,504	4,869,924



## 2018

Region/Branch	A 2018 Garda Overtime €	B 2018 Garda Overtime Additional Events/Operations €
DMR	41,000,000	49,784,085
East	8,974,595	10,246,504
North	5,953,902	7,630,746
South East	5,815,453	8,868,291
South	7,496,168	10,160,862
West	5,439,147	7,840,657
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	16,220,736	22,520,415

Region/Branch	A 2018 Garda Staff Overtime €	B 2018 Garda Staff Overtime Additional Events/Operations €
DMR	224,218	248,824
East	45,171	49,728
North	30,294	33,058
South East	37,842	42,083
South	68,803	49,614
West	33,881	36,869
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	670,790	639,915

Region/Branch	A 2018 Travel & Sub Garda & Garda Staff €	B 2018 Travel & Sub Garda & Garda Staff Additional Event/Operations €
DMR	3,303,668	4,370,345
East	1,201,073	2,162,990
North	1,600,819	1,778,480
South East	942,028	1,451,125
South	1,584,619	2,169,605
West	1,672,309	2,820,959
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	4,352,970	5,166,899

## 2019

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2019 Garda Overtime €</b>
DMR	31,000,000
East	8,000,000
North	6,500,000
South East	7,000,000
South	9,000,000
West	7,000,000
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	12,976,970

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2019 Garda Staff Overtime €</b>
DMR	228,300
East	43,000
North	30,900
South East	39,250
South	42,800
West	21,500
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	598,950

<b>Region/Branch</b>	<b>A 2019 Travel &amp; Sub Garda &amp; Garda Staff €</b>
DMR	3,303,668
East	1,201,073
North	1,600,819
South East	942,028
South	1,584,619
West	1,672,309
Garda Headquarters & National Support Services	4,341,025