

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000223-2019 Request Part-Granted

Dear ,

I refer to your request, dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019 and received on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 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) Copy of records related to the attendance by members of An Garda Síochána at the "International Fraud Prevention Conference" at the RDS in Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, or, in the alternative, (a) the number of members of AGS who attended the conference (b) the sum payable to the conference organisers for their attendance.
- (2) Copies of records related to any sponsorship, advertising, stand space or other promotion by An Garda Síochána at the "International Fraud Prevention Conference" at the RDS in Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, or, in the alternative (a) the cost of any promotion, broken down by type of promotion

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **part-grant** your request on the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

## **1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision**

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Directorate, the Press Office and the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau of An Garda Síochána to determine if the records that you were seeking exist.

Part 1 of your request is seeking a *'Copy of records related to the attendance by members of An Garda Síochána at the "International Fraud Prevention Conference" at the RDS in Dublin on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019, or, in the alternative, (a) the number of members of AGS who attended the conference (b) the sum payable to the conference organisers for their attendance.*

In respect of Part 1(a) of your request, this office has been advised by the Garda Economic Crime Bureau (GECB) that 5 Garda members from the GECB and Garda Cyber Crime Bureau were present at the conference. Three (3) of the members were present at the Garda stand while the Chief Superintendent delivered a speech with a Superintendent also present. An Garda Síochána regularly provide expert speakers to a wide range of conferences and events to provide attendees and the wider public with public safety messages and crime prevention advice. This was the case in this instance given the subject matter of the conference and the audience attending.

I am to advise you that I am refusing to provide information in respect of part 1(b) *the sum payable to the conference organisers for their attendance* and part (2) *Copies of records related to any sponsorship, advertising, stand space or other promotion by An Garda Síochána at the "International Fraud Prevention Conference" at the RDS in Dublin on 17th May 2019, or, in the alternative (a) the cost of any promotion, broken down by type of promotion.* I am refusing this information in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which states:

### ***Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests***

15(1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –*

- (a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,*

The Finance Directorate have informed this office that no payments have been made in respect of attendance of Garda members at the International Fraud Prevention Conference or for the promotion stand at same. As advised above, An Garda Síochána regularly provide expert speakers at events and the Garda speaker for this event did not ask for a fee and no fee was offered. Additionally, there was no charge to An Garda Síochána for having an information stand at the event. This stand was used to promote crime prevention advice from Garda Economic Crime Bureau and Garda Cyber Crime Bureau.

## **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-000223-2019**.

***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:** BOFIIIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000223-2019) 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**MARIA BRODIGAN**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER**

19<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2019.