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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000264-2019 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 26th June, 2019 and received on 27th June, 2019 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by An Garda Síochána. I am aware that a member of this office was in contact with you by email on the 28th June, 2019 wherein your request was amended and will therefore commence from this date.

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 amended request sought:

·The total security cost incurred by An Garda Síochána in relation to the five visits by Prince Charles' over the last five years.

· The total amount received from promoters and organisers by An Garda Síochána to police events for each year from 2014 to 2018 inclusive; and please give a list of the top ten grossing events for each of those years.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 16th July, 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 conducted a search for records relating to your request.

Part 1 of your requests seeks *“The total security cost incurred by An Garda Síochána in relation to the five visits by Prince Charles' over the last five years.”* The table below provides a breakdown of the cost in relation to “visits of Prince Charles” as previously advised the returns for 2019 have not yet been completed for this event and therefore are not available.

Year	Total Cost of Policing Visits by Prince Charles
2015	€2,830,637.00
2016	€783,845.00
2017	€2,221,422.00
2018	€1,346,111.00

The Sections of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which deny access to information are known as exemptions. In this regard, I wish to advise that I am refusing to release the figures in respect of the 2019 visit of Prince Charles in accordance with Section 15 (1)(a) which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1)(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

In respect of Part 2 of your request wherein you seek *“The total amount received from promoters and organisers by An Garda Síochána to police events for each year from 2014 to 2018 inclusive; and please give a list of the top ten grossing events for each of those years.”* Please find attached Appendix A which outlines the amounts received from event promoters/organisers in the years requested by you and also the top ten grossing events for those years.

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-000264-2019**.

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-000264-2019) 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

16th JULY, 2019.

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Amounts Received From Event organisers to police events

Year	Amount Received
2014	€4,883,113
2015	€4,894,510
2016	€4,990,758
2017	€5,663,048
2018	€5,748,345

*These are the amounts received in each of the years and some receipts could relate to duty that took place in previous years.

Top Ten Events for years 2014-2018

2018			
Organisation/Event	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
National Ploughing Association	Tullamore	18,19,20/08/2018	€347,608.00
Festival Republic/Electric Picnic	Stradbally	30/08 to 02/09/2018	€319,740.00
Aiken Promotions/Ed Sheeran	Phoenix Park	16,18,19/05/2018	€250,000.00
Irish Open Golf	Ballyliffin	03 to 09/07/2018	€105,000.00
MCD Productions/Malahide Castle Concerts	Malahide	05,08,09,15,16/06/2018	€100,000.00
Aiken Promotions/Ed Sheeran	Paire Uí Chaoimh	04,05,06/05/2018	€90,000.00
MCD Productions/Taylor Swift	Croke Park	15 & 16/06/2018	€85,000.00
Aiken Promotions/Rolling Stones	Croke Park	17/05/2018	€75,000.00
Aiken Promotions/Ed Sheeran	Pearse Stadium	12 & 13/05/2018	€50,000.00
Life Festival	Belvedere House	25 to 28/05/2018	€48,000.00

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2017			
Organisation/Event	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
Electric Picnic	Stradbally	01,02,03/09/2017	€307,980.00
National Ploughing	Tullamore	19,20,21/09/2017	€250,000.00
MCD Productions	Slane	27/05/2017	€165,000.00
Festival Republic	Marlay Park	14,15,16/07/2017	€102,000.00
MCD Productions	Croke Park	22/07/2017	€63,000.00
MCD Productions	Croke Park	08/07/2017	€61,500.00
GAA	Croke Park	17/09/2017	€41,180.46
Galway Races	Galway	31/07 to 06/08/2017	€40,443.14
Bloom	Phoenix Park	01 to 05/06/2017	€40,000.00
MCD Productions	Malahide Castle	14 & 17/06/2017	€40,000.00

2016			
Organisation/Event	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
National Ploughing	Tullamore	20,21,22/09/2016	€248,000.00
Electric Picnic	Stradbally	02 to 05/09/2016	€214,060.00
Aiken Promotions	Croke Park	27 & 29/05/2016	€120,000.00
Electric Picnic	Stradbally	02 to 05/09/2016	€91,740.00
MCD	Marley Park	15,16,17/07/2016	€70,000.00
MCD	Croke Park	09/07/2016	€61,500.00
MCD	Marley Park	08/07/2016	€50,000.00
MCD	Marley Park	09/07/2016	€50,000.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	07/06/2015	€47,825.52
GAA	Croke Park	04/09/2016	€40,009.44

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2015			
Organisation/Event	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
Festival Republic	Electric Picnic Stradbally	04 to 07/09/2015	€283,600.00
National Ploughing	Athy	22 to 24/09/2015	€200,000.00
MCD	Slane	31/05/2015	€155,000.00
Aiken Promotions	Croke Park	24 & 25/07/2015	€130,000.00
MCD	Marlay Park	03,04/07/2015	€80,458.00
MCD	Croke Park	20/06/2015	€63,000.00
MCD	Longitude Marlay Park	17 to 19/07/2015	€56,280.00
FAI	Aviva Stadium	07/06/2015	€47,825.52
GAA	Croke Park	20/09/2015	€40,528.64
Galway Races	Galway	27/07 to 02/08/2015	€37,658.78

2014			
Organisation/Event	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
POD Concerts	Stradbally	29 to 31/08/2014	€228,000.00
MCD Productions	Croke Park	23,24,25/05/2014	€210,000.00
National Ploughing Association	Ratheniska	23 to 25/09/2014	€180,000.00
Royal Deluxe	Limerick	05 to 07/09/2014	€75,000.00
MCD	Marlay Park	18 to 20/07/2014	€51,000.00
Giro d'Italia	Dublin	09/05/2014	€50,000.00
Life Festival	Belvedere House	23 to 25/05/2014	€43,900.00
GAA	Croke Park	21/09/2014	€39,804.81
Galway Races	Galway Racecourse	28/07 to 03/08/2014	€36,992.22
GAA	Croke Park	07/09/2014	€35,991.59