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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000293-2019 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 18th July, 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:

Between January 2018 and June 2019 how much has An Garda received in fees to police events in Donegal?

By events I mean any concerts or sporting events as well as any festivals or parades held by community, voluntary and charity groups in the county.

Can I get this broken down by the name of the event and how much the organisers of each event contributed financially.

I am aware that similar figures for the whole of Ireland were previously supplied recently to Tánaiste Frances Fitzgerald (<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/gardai-received-over-30m-since-2010-to-police-concerts-and-sporting-events-453010.html>) and I was looking to get them broken down to Donegal level,

In this regard, I have decided to grant your request on the 7th August, 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 in respect of same.

Please see Appendix A attached which contain details for non-public duty events for 2018 and 2019 in Donegal.

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-000293-2019**.

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-000293-2019) 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 me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

7th AUGUST, 2019.

Appendix A

2019				
Origin	Applicant	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount Paid
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	14/01/2019	416.35
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	12/02/2019	381.21
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	26/02/2019	417.52
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	08/03/2019	420.29
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	02/04/2019	250.00
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	26/04/2019	346.14
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	08/05/2019	563.05
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	05/06/2019	465.00
Supt. Milford	Peter O'Donnell	Annagry	07/03/2019	510.00
Supt. Milford	Peter O'Donnell	Annagry	10 & 19/04/2019	650.00
Supt. Milford	Cranford Stone	Milford	29/03/2019	240.00
Supt. Milford	Muckish Sand & Gravel	Milford	04/05/2019	447.00
Supt. Milford	Donegal International Rally	Donegal	21 to 23/06/2019	5,000.00
Supt. Milford	Ramelton Summer Festival	Ramelton	05 to 15/07/2019	2,000.00
Supt. Milford	Mary from Dungloe	Dungloe	27/07 to 05/08/2019	2,000.00
Supt. Letterkenny	Patton Bros Quarry	Donegal	11/01/2019	491.30
Supt. Letterkenny	Donegal GAA	McCumhaill Park	02/02/2019	573.51
Supt. Letterkenny	Donegal GAA	Letterkenny	24/02/2019	684.21
Supt. Letterkenny	Donegal GAA	McCumhaill Park	02/03/2019	573.51
Supt. Letterkenny	Finn Harps	Ballybofey	01/04/2019	1,200.00
Supt. Letterkenny	Donegal International Rally	Donegal	21 to 23/06/2019	5,000.00
Supt. Buncrana	Moville Vintage Show	Moville	09/06/2019	720.00
Supt. Buncrana	Buncrana Music Festival	Buncrana	28 & 29/06/2019	5,000.00
Supt. Ballyshannon	Sea Sessions	Bundoran	21 to 23/06/2019	9,000.00
Supt. Ballyshannon	Rory Gallagher Festival	Ballshannon	31/05,01,02,03/06/201	3,000.00

Total **€40,349.09**

Appendix A

2018				
Origin	Applicant	Place of duty	Date Of Duty	Amount
Supt. Milford	Cranford Stone	Milford	09/01/2018	345.85
Supt. Ballyshannon	Donegal GAA	Ballyshannon	25/02/2018	1,201.24
Supt. Letterkenny	Donegal GAA	McCumhaill Park	25/03/2018	1,444.80
Supt. Milford	BAM	N56	21/09/2018	347.03
Supt. Letterkenny	Donegal GAA	McCumhaill Park	21/10/2018	1,490.20
Supt. Milford	Moyle Plant	Milford	05/12/2018	327.64
Supt. Milford	Churchill Stone	Milford	09 & 29/11/2018	795.77
Supt. Milford	BAM	N56	11/04 to 15/05/2018	2,769.01
Supt. Milford	BAM	N56	13 & 22/11/2018	813.8
Supt. Ballyshannon	Martrain Heavy Haulage	Killybegs to Oweninny Wind	15/10/18 to 27/01/2019	34,132.78
Supt. Milford	BAM	N56	16/10 & 02/11/2018	911.69
Supt. Ballyshannon	Martrain Heavy Haulage	Killybegs to Beleek	21/05 to 21/06/2018	11,979.00
Supt. Milford	BAM	N56	23/05 to to 15/06/2018	1,710.44
Supt. Milford	BAM	N56	26/06&02,24/07/2018	1,477.51
C/Supt. Letterkenny	Flame Films	Killybegs	29 & 30/11/2018	1,560.73
Supt. Ballyshannon	Martrain Heavy Haulage	Killybegs to Beleek	30/04 to 17/05/2018	18,604.66
Total				€79,912.15