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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000316-2019 Request Granted

Dear i

I refer to your request, dated 5th August, 2019 and received on 6th August, 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:

The security cost incurred by An Garda Siochana in relation to the two days visits by Prince Charles' to Ireland in May of this year.

The security cost incurred by An Garda Siochana in relation to the visit of Donald Trump to Ireland in June of this year.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 29th August, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt, details of your request were provided to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request on the Financial Management System (FMS). This Office has been briefed and financial records have been provided for consideration.

Upon review of these records I have decided to grant your request.

The visit of Prince Charles and the visit of US President Donald Trump to Ireland required security arrangements to be put in place by An Garda Síochána to ensure the safety of the visitors and the maintenance of public safety.

I wish to advise that the total expenditure by An Garda Síochána in respect of the visit of Prince Charles in May, 2019 was €297,550 and the expenditure by An Garda Síochána in respect of the visit of Donald Trump in June, 2019 was €11,302,031. This expenditure relates to salaries, wages, allowances, travel, subsistence, incidental expenses, communications and other equipment.

Please note that the figures provided includes all payments made up to 29th August, 2019. As there may still be outstanding financial claims to be processed, it is possible that expenditure could increase.

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-000316-2019.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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: BOFIIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000316-2019 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 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

<u>29</u> AUGUST, 2019.