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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000325-2019 Request Part Grant

*Dear*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 7<sup>th</sup> 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 original request sought:

*Please advise as to the cost to the taxpayer , if any ,of members of an Garda participating in uniform (as distinct from policing ) in the recent Pride parade in Dublin.*

Your clarified request sought:

*I am seeking information as to what is the cost to tax payer of Gardaí marching in uniform in pride parade in 2019 . How many personnel - what pay they received - was there overtime*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

## 1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Upon receipt of your request, searches were conducted in both the Human Resource Management Directorate and the Finance Directorate in respect of the records sought by you. This office has been advised that there was no cost to the taxpayer in respect of Garda Members taking part in the Pride parade in their uniform. The Human Resources Section has advised this office that the participation of Garda Members and Garda Staff in the Pride Parade was at each members own time and expense and therefore no overtime was incurred. No records were maintained in respect of the overall number of personnel who attended the parade.

I am therefore refusing your request wherein you seek “*what is the cost to tax payer of Gardai marching in uniform in pride parade in 2019 . How many personnel - what pay they received - was there overtime*” in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act 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.*

However, the Finance Directorate have provided this office with the following expenditure in respect of T-Shirts for Garda civilian staff and catering costs.

Item	Cost
Purchase of T-Shirts	€1,872.68
Catering	€540.03

## 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-000325-2019**.

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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-000325-2019) 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**

 **AUGUST, 2019.**