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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000343-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request dated 13th August, 2018 and transferred to this Office from the Department of Justice and Equality on the 15th August, 2018, 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:

Copies of all the invoices the Association of Garda Sergeants and Inspectors (AGSI) has submitted to the Department of Justice in order to receive their annual subvention in 2017 and to date in 2018.

I have been further advised that you also spoke to a member of my staff on Friday 7th September, 2018 where it was clarified and confirmed that you would accept a table detailing the dates, descriptions and amounts of the annual subvention invoiced and paid in 2017 and to date 2018.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request 12th September, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate of An Garda Síochána who conducted a search of their records. The details contained in the invoices received were considered in

conjunction with the views which were sought from BNP PARIBAS Real Estate and Noonan Service Group Limited management team on foot of your request. As per discussions with the aforementioned and the clarification of your request on the 7th September, 2018 Table A and B below details the invoices and the amounts paid in 2017 and to date in August 2018.

Table A

Payment Date	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Description
31/01/2017	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Jan-Mar 2017)
28/02/2017	€ 7,688.40	€ 6,688.91	Dublin City Council Rates – 87% (2017)
23/03/2017	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Apr-Jun 2017)
07/06/2017	€ 504.97	€ 439.32	Cleaning Cost -87% (Mar 2017)
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07/06/2017	€ 504.97	€ 439.32	Cleaning Cost -87% (May 2017)
27/06/2017	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Jul-Sept 2017)
27/06/2017	€ 489.79	€ 426.12	Cleaning Cost -87% (Dec 2016)
27/06/2017	€ 504.97	€ 439.32	Cleaning Cost -87% (Jan 2017)
27/06/2017	€ 504.97	€ 439.32	Cleaning Cost -87% (Feb 2017)
05/09/2017	€ 1,514.91	€ 1,317.97	Cleaning Cost -87% (June-August 2017)
28/09/2017	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Oct-Dec 2017)
05/12/2017	€ 1,514.91	€ 1,317.97	Cleaning Cost -87% (Sept-Nov 2017)
21/12/2017	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Jan–Mar 2018)

Table B

Payment Date	Invoice Amount	Amount Paid	Description
08/03/2018	€ 14,364.91	€ 15,099.72	Postage & Telephone – Flat Rate (2017)
08/03/2018	€ 1,569.48	€ 1,365.45	Cleaning Cost -87% (Dec 2017 – Feb 2018)
24/05/2018	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Apr-Jun 2018)
24/05/2018	€ 1,569.48	€ 1,365.45	Cleaning Cost -87% (Mar-May 2018)
05/07/2018	€ 17,285.27	€ 8,772.75	Accommodation Cost – Flat Rate (Jul-Sept 2018)
05/07/2018	€ 7,688.40	€ 6,688.91	Dublin City Council Rates – 87% (2018)

The description column in the tables above outline the percentage of subvention paid for the various services. These indicate that:

- Annual subvention towards rates (87% of total costs)
- Quarterly subvention towards accommodation costs €8,772.75 (flat rate)
- Quarterly subvention towards cleaning cost (87% of total costs)
- Annual subvention towards postage and telephone €15,099.72 (flat rate)

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-000343-2018**.

**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-000343-2018 is included in the payment details.

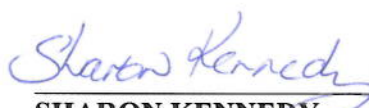
You should submit your request for an Internal Review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of An Garda Síochána and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks. The making of a late appeal 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,


SUPERINTENDENT
SHARON KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

12 SEPTEMBER, 2018