

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000358-2019 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3rd September 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:

- 1. The total amount of Gardai to receive overtime payments in connection with the Presidential visit of US President Donald Trump.*
- 2. A breakdown of the number of Gardai in terms of where they are stationed who provided policing duties for visit of President trump*
eg 110 - Clare Divison
140 - Galway Divison
- 3. The total amount paid out in overtime to Gardai in connection with the visit of US President, Donald Trump visit.*
- 4. The individual overtime totals received by the top 10 earning Garda in connection with the Trump visit*
- 5. The total amount paid by the Gardai to hotels to provide accommodation for Gardai for the Trump visit*

6. *The overtime bill per day for each day of the Garda policing operation in relation to the visit of President Trump*
7. *The individual amounts paid to named hotels to accommodate Gardai and the number of Gardai accommodated in each hotel.*
8. *The food and beverage bill to the Gardai from each named hotel.*
9. *The amount paid out by Gardai to other named third parties in connection with services provided for the visit of President Trump.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 18th September 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Your request has been numbered and forwarded on to the relevant section of An Garda Síochána. In relation to Part 1 of your request, I can now advise you that 3,820 Garda members received overtime payments in connection with the visit of US President Donald Trump.

I am refusing Part 2 of your request as your request does not come within the ambit of this partially included agency as set out in Part 1(n) of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act.

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HR records refer to personal records of staff working within An Garda Síochána. They also relate to statistical information in respect of the organisation, e.g sick leave, discipline, retirements, etc. Financial records relate to the financial expenditure of the organisation and procurement records relate to the contracting of services and the tendering process associated with same. This information sought by you in part 2 of your request refers to operational matters and therefore I am withholding the release of same.

Part 3 of your request sought "*total amount paid out in overtime to Gardai in connection with the visit of US President, Donald Trump visit*" I can now advise you that the total spend on overtime for President Trump's visit was €7,489,931.00.

I am attaching appendices to this letter which supply the details requested in Part 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 of your request.

The sections of the Act, which may deny access to information, are known as its exemptions. I wish to advise you that I am refusing part 6 and the section of part 7 that seeks "the number of Gardai accommodated in each hotel" in accordance with Section 15 (1) (a) the Freedom of Information 2014 which states:

- 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,

This office has been advised by the Finance Directorate that a daily breakdown of the overtime bill is not available. Similarly, records are not available of the number of Garda accommodated in each hotel and I therefore not in a position to provide this information.

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-000358-2019**.

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-000358-2019) 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,

 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

 **SEPTEMBER, 2019.**

President Trump Visit - Amounts Paid to Hotels for Accommodation

Vendor Name	Type	Payment
ARMADA HOTEL	Accommodation	13,800.00
AUBURN LODGE HOTEL	Accommodation	17,184.00
CAHERLEIGH HOUSE	Accommodation	5,400.00
CLARE COAST HOTELS	Accommodation	25,200.00
DROMOLAND CASTLE	Accommodation	21,900.00
FITZGERALDS WOODLANDS HOUSE HOTEL.	Accommodation	9,600.00
GREENHILLS HOTEL LIMERICK	Accommodation	13,800.00
HOTEL WOODSTOCK	Accommodation	28,512.00
IMPERIAL HOTEL LISDOONVARNA	Accommodation	13,475.00
KILKEE BAY HOTEL	Accommodation	22,150.00
LAHINCH COAST HOTEL	Accommodation	33,180.00
LAKESIDE HOTEL & LEISURE CENTRE	Accommodation	1,515.00
O LOUGHLINS	Accommodation	6,480.00
OLD GROUND HOTEL	Accommodation	11,960.00
PLASSEY TRUST COMPANY LTD	Accommodation	216,601.00
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT IRELAND LTD	Accommodation	39,050.00
SHANNON SPRINGS HOTEL	Accommodation	11,418.75
SOUTH COURT HOTEL.	Accommodation	15,340.00
THE TOWNHOUSE	Accommodation	3,360.00
TREACYS OAKWOOD HOTEL	Accommodation	20,940.00
TREACTS WEST COUNTY HOTEL	Accommodation	2,000.00
TRIDENT HOLIDAY HOMES	Accommodation	6,141.96
TRUMP INTERNATIONAL GOLF LINKS & HOTEL	Accommodation	5,976.00
		<u>€544,983.71</u>

President Trump Visit - Catering Costs

Vendor Name	Payment
BELLBRIDGE HOTEL	€37,672.00
BWG FOODS LIMITED	€8,123.97
JOHNSTONS CENTRA	€15,552.00
KILKEE BAY HOTEL	€64,050.00
RADISSON PARK INN SHANNON	€930.00
ROYAL SPA HOTEL	€2,750.00
RYANS BUTCHERS	€9,577.46
SHANNON SPRINGS HOTEL	€21,101.00
TREACYS OAKWOOD HOTEL	€75,379.00
TRUMP INTERNATIONAL GOLF LINKS & HOTEL	€107,625.00
ZEST AT LTD	€16,810.00
	€359,570.43

President Trump Visit - Other Services

Vendor Name	Type	Payment
ACORN SIGNS	Signage	€1,414.50
ACTAVO EVENTS IRELAND LTD	Hire of Equipment	€269,208.87
ANDERCO SAFETY (IRL) LIMITED	Clothing	€47,164.64
ANDREW HOURIGAN LTD	Hire of Equipment	€3,510.42
ATLANTIC CABINS & CONTAINERS LTD	Hire of Equipment	€17,035.50
BRYAN RYAN	Stable Facilities	€1,500.00
BUNZL IRELAND LTD	Cleaning Supplies	€1,181.51
BUS EIREANN	Bus Hire	€169,650.00
CASTLE CABIN LTD	Hire of Equipment	€4,920.00
CHARLIE SHIELDS LTD	Supply of Equipment	€888.06
CIRCLE K FUEL CARD SERVICES	Fuel	€495.15
CLANCY & PARTNERS	Supply of Equipment	€1,759.26
CLEAN (IRL) REFUSE & RECYCLING	Waste Disposal	€93.98
CODEX LTD	Supply of Equipment	€2,301.45
COOPER INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRANSPORT LTD	Hire of Equipment	€6,264.00
CREE COMMUNITY CENTRE	Room Hire	€600.00
DID ELECTRICAL	Supply of Equipment	€2,327.29
DOONBEG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LTD	Room Hire	€600.00
ENERGY SUPPLY LTD	Supply of Equipment	€54,301.95
EUROPCAR IRELAND	Car Hire	€5,334.12
HOTEL WOODSTOCK	Room Hire	€1,460.00
LLOYDS PHARMACY IRL	Medical Supplies	€159.80
LONGFORD HIRE CENTRE LTD	Hire of Equipment	€3,382.50
MALONES PHARMACY	Medical Supplies	€251.34
MARTIN REILLY HIRE	Hire of Equipment	€2,460.00
MCKEOGH'S HARDWARE LTD	Supply of Equipment	€300.64
MIKE HYNAN COACH SERVICES	Bus Hire	€46,000.00
MONGEY COMMUNICATIONS	Supply of Equipment	€33,480.60
OFFICE DEPOT (IRELAND) LTD	Supply of Equipment	€885.60
POWERS PHARMACY	Medical Supplies	€951.27
RYANS INVESTMENT LTD	Car Hire	€5,776.04
SCALES BUS TOURS LTD	Bus Hire	€145,800.00
SHANNON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LTD	Room Hire	€307.50
SIXT CAR RENTAL	Car Hire	€1,520.00
SPANISH POINT AIRFIELD	Rental Fee	€500.00
TIM THOMPSON ELECTRICAL	Supply of Equipment	€3,192.02
WELLNESS MINERAL WATER LTD	Bottled Water	€7,894.09
		€844,872.10

President Trump Visit - Individual Overtime Totals Recieved by Top 10 Earning Garda members

<u>Garda Member</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	€12,915.01
2	€11,093.75
3	€10,608.75
4	€9,777.07
5	€9,567.07
6	€9,431.89
7	€9,208.55
8	€9,119.62
9	€8,941.02
10	€8,900.38