

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000400-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 1st October, 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:

The overall cost which may be available at this time relating to the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland. I am happy to take whatever records may be available.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to **grant** your request on the 24th October, 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Details of your request were forwarded to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána who conducted a search for records relating to your request on the Financial Management System (FMS).

The visit of Pope Francis 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.

The following table was supplied and includes all payments made up to 23rd October, 2018. As there may still be outstanding claims to be processed, it is possible that the expenditure could increase over the coming weeks.

Expenditure	Totals
Salaries, Wages & Allowances	€ 4,875,135
Travel & Subsistence	€ 314,602
Incidental Expenses	€ 137,476
Communications & Other Equipment	€44,393
Station Services	€9,071
Grand Total	€ 5,380,677

1. 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-000400-2018**.

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-000400-2018) 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

24 **OCTOBER, 2018**