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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000417-2019 Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 29th October, 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. *Details or any documents relating to the cost and expenses relating to Garda protection for the state visit of Vice President Mike Pence from September 2nd to 4th, 2019.*
2. *Details or any documents relating to the cost and/or expenses of Garda protection to President Donald Trump for June 5th to June 7th, 2019.*
3. *Details or any documents relating to the cost and/or expenses of Garda Protection to the family or relatives of Donald Trump visiting Doonbeg in Co. Clare or elsewhere in Ireland for the years 2017 through to the October 29th, 2019.*
4. *Details of how many visits by the Trump family to Ireland since President Donald Trump was elected in November 2016 have required Garda protection and how much this has cost and the details of these expenses.*
5. *Details of the cost and/or expenses of Garda protection for the visit of Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle to Ireland on July 10 to July 11 in 2018.*
6. *Details of the cost and/or expenses of Garda protection relating to the State visit of Elizabeth II to the Republic of Ireland from May 17 to May 20, 2011.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 11th November, 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

I have numbered your request for ease of reference. 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.

The table below details the total cost and expense of Garda Protection in relation to part 1, 2, 5 and 6 of your FOI request.

Part of Request	Amount
1	€2,908,415.00
2	€11,587,445.00
5	€283,245.00
6	€24,077,757.00

This expenditure relates to salaries, wages, allowances, travel, subsistence and incidental expenses,

Please note that the figures provided includes all payments made up to 4th November, 2019. As there may still be outstanding financial claims to be processed, it is possible that expenditure could increase.

I am refusing part 3 and 4 of your request in accordance with 15 (1)(a) of the FOI act which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests:

15(1)(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 that this information sought by you is not held and therefore I am no in a position to provide same.

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-000417-2019**.

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: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000417-2019 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 **ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
MARIA BRODIGAN
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

13th **NOVEMBER, 2019.**