

An Garda Síochána

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An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House,
IDA Business Park,
Johnstown, Navan,
Co Meath.
C15 ND62

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Láithreán Gréasain/Website:
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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000173-2023 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4th May, 2023 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:

*I am looking to apply for information under the Freedom of Information Act.
I am seeking information regarding the costs of the Garda's security operation around:
(1) The Russian embassy on Orwell Road, Dublin
(2) The Russian ambassador's Dublin residence
A special Garda operation – special arrangements – had to be put in place around both just over a year ago when Russia invaded Ukraine.
You likely will not have full costings up to the current day. But you may have costs for the two items above for the first six or nine months of both operations.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 29th May 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Upon receipt of your request, it was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána where a search was conducted in respect of same.

I have been advised that the information you seek is not recorded in the manner requested. Therefore I can only provide a combined record of the cost of the Garda security operation in relation to the Ukraine response

The table below details the amounts spent on providing security in relation to the Ukraine response for the years 2022 and to date in 2023.

Ukraine Response	
2022	2023 (April)
€158,077	€53,595

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-000173-2023**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath, C15 ND62.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number FOI-000173-2023 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,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

29 MAY, 2023.