

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000323-2023 Request Part-Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated 20th September, 2023 and received on 21st September, 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 would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 concerning the following:

- 1. Documents detailing the cost associated with sending members of An Garda Síochána to France to assist local authorities during the 2016 UEFA European Football Championship.*
- 2. Documents outlining the cost/projected cost associated with sending AGS members to France for the 2023 tourist season and Rugby World Cup.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on 31st October, 2020. The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt of your request, searches were conducted in the relevant sections within An Garda Síochána and some records were retrieved.

In Part 1 of your request, you sought the cost associated with sending members of An Garda Síochána to France to assist local authorities during the 2016 UEFA European Football Championship. I have been advised that the cost to An Garda Síochána amounted to €7,129 in Travel & Subsistence payments. Additional costs were covered by the French organizing authorities.

In Part 2 of your request you sought records for the cost associated with sending AGS members to France for the tourist season and Rugby World Cup.

I can advise you that the cost to date for sending An Garda Síochána members to France for the tourist season is €4,247. Please note that this figure is for flights and associated costs and is subject to change.

There are no records available at present in respect of the part of your request that seeks the associated costs of the deployment for members of An Garda Síochána to the Rugby World Cup. In this regard, I am refusing this part of your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 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

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-000323-2023**.

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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-000323-2023) 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

31st OCTOBER, 2023.