

An Garda Síochána

Oifig Saorála Fáisnéise,
An Garda Síochána, Teach áth Luimnigh,
Lárionad Gnó Udáras Forbartha Tionscail,
Baile Sheáin , An Uaimh,
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C15 ND62

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000245-2023 Request Part Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 7th July, 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 making a Freedom of Information request for the following records:

Details of all costs incurred by An Garda Síochána to date in relation to the visit of US President Joe Biden in April 2023.

The details should include an itemised breakdown of costs incurred including but not limited to any building works; catering; vehicle hire hiring of security infrastructure - barriers etc.; travel; accommodation; gifts etc and copies of all invoices so far received in relation to same.

The details of overtime payments to staff either incurred as a result of the visit.

The details of the cost of use of Garda aircraft in in relation to the visit.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part grant your request on the 8th August, 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision.

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Section within An Garda Síochána who have supplied us with the attached appendix. The attached appendix provides the invoice details and amounts of sums recorded as incurred by An Garda Síochána to date for the US Presidents visit in April 2023.

Your request also sought “*details of overtime payments to staff either incurred as a result of the visit*” we have been advised that the Garda Member overtime recorded to date amounted to €22.01 million. Garda Staff overtime recorded to date amounted to €0.13 Million. Appendix 2 supplies further details in relation to this part of your request.

In accordance with Section 15 (1)(a) I am refusing the final part of your request wherein you seek “*details of the cost of use of Garda aircraft in relation to the visit*” as no records have been identified in respect of this part of your request. 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-000245-2023**.

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: An Garda Síochána Imprest Account

Account Number: 30000302

Sort Code: 951599

IBAN: IE28DABA95159930000302

BIC: DABAIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000245-2023) 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



AUGUST, 2023.

Appendix 1

Vendor Name	Invoice Num	Line Description	Total
ACHILL TOURISM CLG	1013	Room Hire	9,540.00
ACTAVO EVENTS IRELAND LTD	A351-SIN-0000155	Services Provided to DMR	4,428.00
AESTHETIC SERVICES LTD	62905	PORTALOOS	4,132.80
ARCON CONSULTANTS	0091	Equipment Equipment	55,719.00 11,608.13
ARENA HOSPITALITY LTD	2511 2511	Labour Provisions	3,985.20 12,875.63
ATLANTIC WAY HOTEL	RE_1354	Room Hire	2,931.00
AYLESBURY SCIENTIFIC	8972	Event Screening Equipment Event Screening Equipment	131,546.01 26,752.50
A-Z HIRE LTD	497821 497976	TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TOOL HIRE	1,928.64 1,616.22
BALLINA MANOR HOTEL	103816	Room Hire A/C AGS016	9,660.01 (0.01)
BALLYGOWAN WATER COOLER DIV	3101298 3101299 3101301 3101301	Water Water Water Water	4,711.39 1,346.11 33.21 2,692.22
BALLYMASCANLON HOTEL LTD	075368 00003603 00003604	075368 Accommodation as per invoice Room Hire Room Hire	0.06 27,187.94 800.00 100.00
BALRATH OPERATIONS UNLIMITED COMPANY	217567044	Room Hire	11,480.00
BARCASTLE SERVICE STATION LTD	10415 10416 10417 10418 10419 10420 10421	Fuel Costs Fuel Costs Fuel Costs Fuel Costs Fuel Costs Fuel Costs Fuel Costs	89.54 63.19 84.75 76.75 87.50 65.00 154.46
BERNADETTE DILLON	0002	Room Hire	4,000.00

Vendor Name	Invoice Num	Line Description	Total
BLUEMARSH LTD	0001	Insect Repellent	754.85
BROADHAVEN BAY HOTEL INVESTMENTS LTD	137030	Room Hire	11,690.00
BUS EIREANN	91874280 91874356 91874363 91874364 91874365 91874367 91874368	Bus Hire 9th April Bus Hire 10th April Bus Hire 11th April Bus hire 12th April Transport 13th April Bus Hire 14th April Bus hire 15th April	2,250.00 30,525.00 37,050.00 71,475.00 68,812.50 75,862.50 17,175.00
BUTLER SECURE SOLUTIONS	SIN000099	BATTERY SHIPPING INTO IRL SWAB GLOVES	867.15 319.80 1,291.50 239.85
BWG FOODS LIMITED	106245 106294 592415 592569 593591	INV 106245 INV 106294 592415 Member Meals 592415a Member Meals 592415b Member Meals 592569 Member Meals 592569a Member Meals 593591 Member Meals 593591a Member Meals 593591b Member Meals	1,893.38 902.96 114.90 162.93 169.30 77.43 224.04 20.95 43.29 28.97
CAMDEN COURT HOTEL	138728	513454 Room Hire	31,010.00
CAMERA CENTRE (DUBLIN) LTD	1/353959 1/354272 1/354910	Equipment Equipment LENS Equipment	5,535.00 608.85 602.70 23,831.25
CARLINGFORD ARMS	230240714	230240714	4,670.00

Vendor Name	Invoice Num	Line Description	Total
CASTLE STAGE HIREL LTD	1201	Barriers etc	83,332.50
	1202	Supply of Barriers	19,077.30
	1203	Barriers etc	94,104.23
	1204	Provision of Barriers/welfare units/VMS Signs and Lighting Equipment	72,914.40
CASTLECOURT HOTEL	1204276	1204276 Room Hire	38,678.00
CLANCY & PARTNERS	2408	Telecommunications	3,121.25
CLARUS NETWORKS LTD	41	Telecommunications	26,192.52
	42	Configuration & Delivery	177.46
		Telecommunications	3,549.12
CLAYTON HOTEL LIFFEY VALLEY.	CLV123	Operation Failteach	51,250.00
CODEX LTD	35286	Mobile Whiteboards	1,255.83
	354718	S Pin	1,225.08
	356541	Lanyards	1,340.70
	356542	Pins	3,070.08
COLEMAN ELECTRONICS LTD		Accessories	507.38
	152173	CCTV	4,501.41
	152174	CCTV	21,135.97
CONNAUGHT AUDIO SERVICES LTD	2023037	CCTV	14,325.97
CONNAUGHT AUDIO SERVICES LTD	2023037	PA System	1,845.00
CONNS CAMERAS LTD	666169	Equipment	4,500.00
	667558	A/C GARDA	0.01
		Cameras and equipment	2,846.99
COOPER INT HORSE TRANSPORT LTD	4612	4612 Horse Box Hire	6,519.00
CP LEISURE LTD	098327	098327 Room Hire	16,583.00
CRESTINGTON BARS LTD	398	INV 398	18,537.66
CROSSMOLINA DEELROVERS GAA	CDR2023INV0000423	RENTAL OF FACILITIES	4,000.00

Vendor Name	Invoice Num	Line Description	Total
DANIEL TECHNOLOGIES LTD	DT2646	Equipment	24,354.00
	DT2648	vehicle inspection mirrors	1,998.75
	DT2650	Equipment	1,820.40
		Equipment	8,474.70
DATAPAC UNLIMITED COMPANY	SINV-07678131	ICT	733.02
		ICT	1,685.04
	SINV-07678512	ICT	109.77
DCB GROUP LTD	524121	Delivery CP_11P-152451/23	15.38
		ICT	1,178.34
DCL OPS LTD	I510392	1510392 Aluminium Ladder	60.00
DEREK BEAHAN LTD	00-037949	Transport	231.73
	00-037978	Transport	885.60
	00-037980	Transport	453.13
	00-037981	Transport	342.43
	00-037982	Transport	342.43
DHG BARRINGTON LTD T/A MALDRON HOTEL KEVIN STREET	22598	Accommodation as per Invoice 22598	36,200.00
DIAMOND COAST HOTEL	GA000643	GA000643 Room Hire	6,794.99
		REF GA000643	0.01
DONNA CLARKE	APR2023	INV APR2023	700.00
	APR2023 (2)	INV APR2023(2)	609.50
DUBLIN BUS	91876793	Bus Hire Op Fáilteach	59,452.00
DUNDALK IMPREST ACCOUNT	30-April-2023	US President Visit	36.38
DUNDALK P R LIMITED	FB025959	Accommodation as per INV FB025959	1,875.00

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ENTERPRISE CONTROL SYSTEMS LTD	005768 005768-COMMS	ICT Technicians and Equipment TRANS REF: 7080561	95,028.69 0.50
EUROPCAR IRELAND	0001142298 0001142457 0001142462 0001150789	Executive Car Hire 4 days Van Hire x3 Div Search Teams Van Hire x3 Div Search Teams Van Hire Div x1 Search teams	412.94 579.63 579.63 694.94
F BRADY & SON PLANT HIRE LTD	18353 18354 18355 18356 18357 18358 18359 18360 18361 18362 18363	Traffic Management, Lighting, VMS Signs and Welfare Unit provision Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Services Provided to NW Region Chairs	55,977.30 10,824.00 5,442.75 13,222.50 2,776.00 9,928.56 64,845.60 87,910.56 74,036.16 59,967.42 873.05
FAIRWAYS HOTEL	049576 075390	Room Hire 049576. Room Hire 075390 Accommodation as per Invoice 075390	3,510.01 659.99 (0.10) 83,273.20
FARRELL BROTHERS ARDEE LTD	98342	Equipment	1,166.04
FAYWAYS MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD	BK013614	INV BK013614	21,186.66
FIRST AID PEOPLE LTD	78813	SPF 50	430.50
FLEET STREET CAR PARK LTD	69376	69376 Carpark Fees	14,760.00
FLIR SYSTEMS LTD	9001703134	ICT Services	7,491.00
FOUR SEASONS HOTEL CARLINGFORD	068470	068470 Bed & Breakfast as per invoice	0.04 21,804.16
FOUR SEASONS HOTEL LTD	12/04/23	BED & BREAKFAST Bed & Breakfast	0.12 9,988.98

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FRANK GRANT GARAGES LTD	202304000012	INV 2023040000012	1,111.88
G ELLIOTT & SONS LTD	252215	252215 Member Provisions	131.80
		252215a Member Provisions	112.68
		252215b Member Provisions	4,658.61
	252894	252894 Member Provisions	1,732.65
	253035	253035 Member Provisions	1,533.72
GANNONS CITY RECOVERY	43981	43981 Vehicle Towing	7,933.50
GARDA BOAT CLUB	121504/23	121504/23 Room Hire	1,600.00
GOING PLACES MINIBUS HIRE LTD	2023-1	Minibus hire	1,800.00
GREAT NATIONAL HOTEL BALLINA	00005347	182907 Room Hire	11,706.15
GREG TOOLIS STELLA MARIS	20231	20231 Room Hire	1,800.00
HANFORD COMMERCIAL LTD	193056948	Accommodation as per INV 193056948	22,900.00
HARRIS RETAIL UC	A171004	A171004 Staff Hire Costs INV A171004	1,401.73 (0.01)
HOTEL NEWPORT.	AGS0423	AGS0423 Room Hire	3,387.00
JG ENGINEERING LTD	54661	INV-54661 Search Team Equipment	199.75
	54662	INV-54662 Search Team Equipment	199.75
	54663	INV-54663 Search Team Equipment	194.76
	54664	INV-54664 Search Team Equipment	129.84
JW BALFOUR LTD	101869	S Pin	1,008.60
	101918	Traffic Equipment	29,520.00
	102138	Lanyards	725.70
KILTANE SERVICE STATION	106270	106270 Tool Hire	319.80
	106271	106271 Tool Hire	6.81
		106271a Tool Hire	109.11
		Tool Hire	0.01
KILTIMAGH PARK HOTEL	000104	INV000104 Room Hire	5,100.00

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KINGSCOURT CASTLE LTD	1860070	Accommodation as per INV 1860070	5,465.00
KNIGHTS CATERING LTD	1842	INV 1842	8,506.49
KNIGHTSBROOK HOTEL	FB081311	Bed & Breakfast as per INV FB081311	18,760.00
LAMINATION SERVICES LTD	490125 490255	Thermal Colour Print Bureau Cards Thermal Colour Print Bureau Cards	553.50 387.45
LANSDOWNE HOTEL	28/03/23	28/03/23 Room Hire	840.00
LOUIS FITZGERALD HOTEL	2720255	INV 2720255	27,800.00
LUXOR LEISURE LTD T/A RADISSON BLU ROYAL HOTEL GOLDEN LANE	37356770	INV 37356770	483,035.00
MAILCRAFT SUPPLIES LTD	8930	Tamperproof tapes & seals	532.84
MALDRON HOTEL NEWLANDS CROSS	192143692	INV 192143692	53,951.00
MARLIN APARTMENTS LTD	175538	Accommodation as per Invoice 175538	111,180.00
MATRIX FURNITURE LTD	OP/I565710	Equipment	565.80
MATTIE MURRAY	1065	1065 bus hire	1,500.00
MC NELIS HOSPITALITY BARS LTD	115 116	115 Room Hire 116 Member Provisions	85,908.35 7,982.70
MCWILLIAM PARK HOSPITALITY LTD	095962	095962 Room Hire	12,628.00
MICHAEL CARR FOODS	18031782	18031782 Member Provisions 18031782a Member Provisions	248.00 344.40

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MICHAEL OHAIRE	APRIL 2023	April 2023 Coach Hire	19,150.00
MULRANNY PARK HOTEL	068426	068426 Room Hire	5,850.00
MULTI CARGO LIMITED	233546 233547 233675 233741 233742 233778 233779	Customs Vat Charge Import of Equipment Attendance Out of Hours Collection + Delivery Dedicated Trailer Export Customs Clearance Fuel Surcharge 15% import Customs Clearance Usance Fee 3 % Shipping Goods to UK Inv 233741 Shipping Goods to UK Inv 233742 Vat Overnight Shipping Overnight Shipping	9,721.60 63,571.99 150.00 795.00 65.00 119.25 65.00 1,907.15 834.60 120.03 9,661.96 363.00 364.35
N2 ELECTRICAL AND SECURITY SUPPLIES	181839	Cable Ties	1,497.22
NEW AGE STORAGE SYSTEMS LTD	53248	Equipment	362.85
NIBIRU LEISURE LTD	SI-4435	INV SI-4435 -Meals for Members	13,670.40
NORCENNI	528	528 Refreshments	48.00
OBELISK COMMUNICATIONS LTD	SIN145716	Telecommunications	9,074.33
OSTAN OILEAN ACLA	001564	001564 Room Hire A/C GARDA	11,010.00 0.01
OUR LADYS HOSPICE & CARE SERVICES	2960	INV 2960	1,000.00
PARKRITE	69377	69377 Parking Rental Fees	7,380.00

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PEATS WHOLESALE LTD	SIN306295	Delivery Equipment	9.23 463.71
PELKO LIMITED	11844	Chair	934.80
PFH TECHNOLOGY GROUP LTD	SIP406337	Speakerphone Speakerphone ICT Equipment Tripod ICT Equipment	2,398.50 584.25 1,205.40 184.50 2,742.90
RADIONICS LIMITED	413445799 41344786	ICT Equipment ICT Equipment	743.12 729.59
RICHIES BIKE STORE	RTN0041	RTN0041 Bicycle Maintenance	2,004.16
RONAYNE HARDWARE	392661	Equipment 392661	11,154.46
RYANS INVESTMENT LTD	PSI 6074004 PSI-6073978 PSI-6073979 PSI-6073980 PSI-6073981 PSI-6074000 PSI-6074001 PSI-6074002 PSI-6074003 PSI-6090624	Car Hire - Invoice PSI-6074004 Van Hire - Invoice PSI-6073978 Invoice PSI-6073979 Damage Invoice PSI-6073980 Invoice PSI-6073980 Van Damage - Invoice PSI-6073981 Van Hire - Invoice PSI-6073981 Van Damage - Invoice PSI-6074000 Van Hire - Invoice PSI-6074000 Car Hire - Invoice PSI-6074001 Fuel - Invoice PSI-6074001 Car Hire - Invoice PSI-6074002 Car Hire - Invoice PSI-6074003 Invoice PSI-6090624	1,618.52 210.00 2,825.98 664.38 2,825.98 592.36 270.00 1,293.84 300.00 1,628.02 17.50 1,618.52 1,618.52 70.00
SEAN BARRETT BALLINA LTD	6338	6338 Member Provisions	1,104.10

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SHANNON ESTUARY HOTEL LTD	00005409	00005409 Room Hire INV 00005409	21,605.01 (0.01)
SHAW COMMERCIALS	413193 413194	413193 Plant Hire 413194 Plant Hire	1,439.10 3,677.70
SKS COMMUNICATIONS LTD	250186 250194 250423 250424	CCTV CCTV CCTV SET UP VIDEO WALLS	21,291.30 5,633.40 5,097.12 14,735.40
SLIGO PARK HOTEL	369065	369065 Room Hire INV 369065	6,950.11 (0.11)
SOUTHERN HOTEL SLIGO LTD	5672	5672 Room Hire	8,207.00
STAYCITY LIMITED	DC INV DCC invoice CTQ invoice MS Invoice TIV	206355565 Room Hire INV DCC INV CTQ INV MS INV TIV	5,330.00 87,740.00 49,405.00 31,365.00 68,265.00
TETRA IRELAND COMMUNICATIONS LTD	0000000824	Telecommunications Telecommunications Telecommunications Telecommunications Telecommunications	17,589.00 17,419.26 15,510.30 21,602.16 14,796.00
THE CLUBHOUSE RESTAURANT	8357	8357 Refreshments	32,215.00
THE HALFWAY HOUSE	25-APR-2023	Halfway Catering 2023 Room Hire	18,789.45
THE LODGE AT DOWNHILL LTD	104156	104156 Room Hire Journal Import Created	12,923.95 0.05

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THE TALBOT HOTEL	15-APR-2023	Room Hire Room Hire	5,288.06 (0.06)
THE TRINITY CITY HOTEL	9001	INV 9001	24,920.00
THE WINDSOR INN (DUNDALK) LIMITED	INV-0167	Meals as per INV-0167	983.00
THE WYATT HOTEL	18-APR-2023	Room Hire	9,840.00
TIFCO LTD	9001	Accommodation	18,590.00
TMCH HOTEL INVESTMENTS LTD	1084-1308439-10265	1084-1308439-10265 Room Hire	960.00
TRAWLEY LTD	FB069251	FB069251 Room Hire	3,500.00
WESTMANSTOWN SPORTS	202519	202519 Room Hire	25,799.88
WESTPORT WOODS HOTEL	00014082	0014082 Room Hire	2,818.93
WILLIAMSBERG PROPERTY LTD	MMR005	Rooms as per Invoice MMR005	34,350.00
WOOD COMMUNICATIONS	SIN333360	Overnight Delivery ICT Equipment ICT Equipment ICT Equipment ICT Equipment	479.70 65.93 1,845.00 80.32 111.62

Appendix 2

Category	€ - Million
Overtime	22.14
Unsocial Hour Allowances	1.87
Employer's PRSI	2.40
Travel and Subsistence	0.94
IT and Communications Related Costs	0.49
Other Operational Equipment, Accessories and Consumables	0.95
Other Costs including Accommodation, Refreshments, Vehicle Hire and Incidentals	2.3
Total	31.09