

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000248-2023 Request Part-Grant

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 10th 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:

Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

**Records relating to the cost, including overtime and allowances, of policing the visit of US President Joe Biden to Ireland on 12-14 April last.*

**Records relating to the impact, and repercussions, of the above overtime costs on the allotted Garda overtime budget for 2023 and savings to be made over the remaining year.*

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 forward to the Finance Section within An Garda Síochána. They have provided us with the table below that details the records sought in part one of your request.

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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

In accordance with Section 15 (1)(a) I am refusing the final part of your request wherein you seek "Records relating to the impact, and repercussions, of the above overtime costs on the allotted Garda overtime budget for 2023 and savings to be made over the remaining year" 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-000248-2023**.

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-000248-2023) 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

8 AUGUST, 2023.