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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000281-2023 Request Part-Granted

Dear

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

- 1) *The amount that An Garda Síochána charged GAA for policing the GAA All Ireland Hurling Final at Croke Park on 23 July 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this fixture; The date that AGS received their policing fee*
- 2) *The amount that An Garda Síochána charged Aviva Stadium for policing the Manchester United V Athletic Madrid friendly at Aviva Stadium on 6 August 2023; The date that AGS sent out their invoice for policing this fixture; The date that AGS received their policing fee*
- 3) *The amount that An Garda Síochána charged GAA for policing the GAA All Ireland Football Final at Croke Park on 30 July 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this fixture; The date that AGS received their policing fee*
- 4) *The amount that An Garda Síochána charged MCD for policing the Blur concert at Malahide Castle on 24 June 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this concert; The date that AGS received their policing fee*
- 5) *The amount that An Garda Síochána charged MCD for policing the Sting concert at Malahide Castle on 28 June 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this concert; The date that AGS received their policing fee*

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- 6) The amount that An Garda Síochána charged MCD for policing the Hozier concert at Malahide Castle on 30 June 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this concert; The date that AGS received their policing fee
- 7) The amount that An Garda Síochána charged MCD for policing the Lionel Richie concert at St Anne's Park on 4 June 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this concert; The date that AGS received their policing fee
- 8) The amount that An Garda Síochána charged for MCD for policing the Pulp concert at St Anne's Park on 9 June 2023; The date that AGS sent out the invoice for policing this concert; The date that AGS received their policing fee

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 6th September 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

On receipt, your request was forwarded to the Finance Section of An Garda Síochána. The records provided have been abstracted from the Financial Management Services system, which identifies the various organisations and amount of money charged and received by An Garda Síochána for the policing services at specific events.

In relation to the records sought in parts 1 to 3 of your request I have been advised that Finance section have not yet received figures from the divisions. Therefore, as no record currently exists I am refusing these parts 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

The table below provides the records sought in parts 4 to 8 of your request.

Hiring Body	Event	Venue	Invoice Issued	Amount	Date Received
MCD	Blur Concert - 24 th June 2023	Malahide Castle	9 th June 2023	€25,920	July 2023
MCD	Sting Concert - 28 th June 2023	Malahide Castle	9 th June 2023	€25,920	July 2023
MCD	Hozier Concert - 30 th June 2023	Malahide Castle	9 th June 2023	€25,920	July 2023
MCD	Lionel Richie Concert - 4 th June 2023	St Anne's Park	4 th July 2023	€21,150	July 2023
MCD	Pulp Concert - 9 th June 2023	St Anne's Park	4 th July 2023	€24,700	July 2023

Non-public duty is performed by members of An Garda Síochána under arrangements made with organisers of events such as football matches, concerts and race meetings, etc. who seek to engage the services of members of An Garda Síochána to perform duties to which they would not normally be assigned.

Members of An Garda Síochána have been made available for the performance of such duties and the State has charged for their services. This work is normally performed by members who would otherwise be off duty. It is generally the practice to charge organisations for the costs of duties performed by members inside the event. At all times, it is the policy of An Garda Síochána that the safety of the public must be the ultimate concern.

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-000281-2023**.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, 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-000281-2023 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 the FOI Office by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

6 SEPTEMBER, 2023.