



# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000366-2026 Request Part-Grant

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request, dated 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 and received on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 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:*

- *a database/spreadsheet/record of the cost of the ten most expensive events policed by An Garda Síochána in the most recent twelve month period for which data is available, both in terms of the non-public duty services provided by Gardai and paid for by the host organisations, as well as the cost of associated policing duties performed outside these events that would be deemed additional to those normally performed at the location are not paid by the organisation hosting the event.*
- *a database/spreadsheet/record of the monies recouped by An Garda Síochána for policing services at each of these ten events.*

- a record of how much money AGS has recouped for policing all types of such events in the period above, with a list of the top five organisations that have paid for such services and how much e.g. the GAA, the FAI, MCD, etc.
- a copy of the most up-to-date policy or framework in place for AGS to calculate the cost of policing events as described above.

*I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026. 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.

| 10 Most Expensive Events Policed 2025 |                                          |                     |               |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Hiring Body                           | Event                                    | Date of Duty        | Amount Paid € |
| EP Republic Ltd                       | Electric Picnic                          | 28/08/25– 01/09/25  | 412,155       |
| MCD                                   | Marley Park concerts                     | 24/06/25 – 06/07/25 | 376,065       |
| National Ploughing Association        | National Ploughing Championship          | 16/09/25 – 18/09/25 | 267,480       |
| MCD                                   | Malahide Castle concert                  | 17/06/25 – 04/07/25 | 173,250       |
| Aiken Promotions                      | Zach Bryan                               | 20/06/25 – 22/06/25 | 169,155       |
| MCD                                   | Oasis                                    | 16/08/25 – 17/08/25 | 142,369       |
| MCD                                   | St. Annes Park Concerts                  | 30/05/25 – 08/06/25 | 132,323       |
| POD Festivals                         | All together now music and Arts festival | 31/07/25 – 04/08/25 | 121,298       |
| MCD                                   | Concerts in Aviva stadium                | 27/06/25 – 30/06/25 | 86,400        |
| Bord Bia                              | Bloom Festival                           | 29/05/25 – 02/06/25 | 77,175        |

| Top 5 Organisations            | Amount Invoiced € |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| National Ploughing Association | 267,480           |
| IRFU                           | 271,792           |
| EP Republic Ltd                | 412,155           |
| MCD                            | 1,151,194         |
| GAA                            | 418,961           |

In relation to both tables above, I can confirm that all monies have been recouped. The total amount recouped for non – public duty from 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 was €7,191,418.

In relation to the last part of your request, this information is available on the Garda website. I have provided the link below for ease of reference.

<https://www.garda.ie/en/about-us/publications/policy-documents/provision-of-garda-services-for-certain-events-associated-policy.pdf>

As this document is already in the public domain, I am refusing its release under Section 15(1)(d) of the FOI Act

**Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests**

15. (1) *A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where –*  
(d) *the information is already in the public domain*

**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-000366-2026**.

**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-000366-2026 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](http://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**

12<sup>th</sup> **AUGUST, 2026**