

An Garda Síochána

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000005-2018 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3rd January 2018 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:

- 2) *The amount spent on replacement musical equipment for the Garda Band in the years 2016 and 2017.*
- 3) *The number of occasions where AGS have charged an company or organisation for the Garda Band to play at their location in the years 2016 and 2017. Please include name of company or organisation eg GAA, FAI etc and how much was paid for each event.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to grant your request on the 29th January 2018.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decision

Details of your request were provided to the Finance Directorate within An Garda Síochána and a comprehensive search was conducted in this regard.

Parts 2 and 3 of your request are seeking 'The amount spent on replacement musical equipment for the Garda Band in the years 2016 and 2017' and 'The number of occasions where AGS have charged an company or organisation for the Garda Band to play at their location in the years 2016 and 2017. Please include name of company or organisation eg GAA, FAI etc and how much was paid for each event'.

There is no specific Cost or Project Code for the recording of replacement of musical instruments on An Garda Síochána's financial systems. However, under the Cost Code for the Garda Band the entitled 'other operational equipment' which includes replacement and repair of musical instruments. In this regard, I am in a position to provide you with the overall expenses associated with repair and replacement of musical equipment in 2016 & 2017 and this is outlined in the table below.

2016	2017
€40,650.78	€11,630.57

The following tables show the event and the amount that was invoiced for the Garda Band to attend.

2016	Description	Amount
January	Kerry Rose Festival	4,000.00
February	FAI	400.00
May	IRFU	400.00
May	IRFU	400.00
	Total	5,200.00

2017	Description	Amount
January	IRFU	800.00
April	IRFU	400.00
May	IRFU	400.00
	Total	1,600.00

Besides providing music for official Garda functions (such as Graduation Ceremonies at the Garda College) the Band undertakes a heavy community-orientated programme each year performing at schools, festivals and sporting events. It has a long association with Lansdowne Road for Rugby and Soccer Internationals, the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin and the Rose of Tralee Festival.

The Band has travelled to many international events and has represented the country on a number of occasions at police festivals and concerts in Switzerland, Germany and Northern Ireland.

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-000005-2018.

Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, 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: Garda Síochána Finance Section Public Bank Account
Account Number: 10026896
Sort Code: 900017
IBAN: IE86BOFI90001710026896
BIC: BOFIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000005-2018) 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,

 **SUPERINTENDENT**
SHARON KENNEDY
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

30 JANUARY, 2018