

# An Garda Síochána

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI-000007-2018 Request Granted

*Dea*

I refer to your request, dated and received on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

*I seek the cost of the ten most expensive events policed by An Garda Síochána in 2017, 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.*

*I also seek the monies recouped by An Garda Síochána for policing services at these ten events.*

I understand you spoke to a member of staff in my office on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 who explained the provision of non-public duty and it was agreed that this office would provide the ten most expensive events policed under non-public duty by An Garda Síochána in 2017.

In this regard, I have decided to grant your request on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Section of An Garda Síochána who have briefed this office and have provided details of the top 10 non-public duty event receipts for 2017. Please see table below which outlines these records are outlined below.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Place of duty</i>	<i>Paid</i>
Electric Picnic	Stradbally	€ 307,980.00
National Ploughing	Tullamore	€ 250,000.00
MCD Productions	Slane	€ 165,000.00
Festival Republic	Marlay Park	€ 102,000.00
MCD Productions	Croke Park	€ 63,000.00
MCD Productions	Croke Park	€ 61,500.00
GAA	Croke Park	€ 41,180.46
Galway Races	Galway	€ 40,443.14
Bloom	Phoenix Park	€ 40,000.00
MCD Productions	Malahide Castle	€ 40,000.00

Under Section 30 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, An Garda Síochána may provide and charge for police services for events on private property or in areas open to the public if:

- (a) It is in the public interest and consistent with the functions of An Garda Síochána to provide the services, and*
- (b) The Commissioner is satisfied that the person has paid or will pay to the Commissioner the charges for the services.*

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.



In general, the cost of policing duties performed by Gardaí outside the event such as traffic control, beat patrols and other public policing duties which would be additional to those normally performed at the location, are not paid by the organisation hosting the event but fall to be paid from the Garda Vote. However, at some specific larger events An Garda Síochána seeks a contribution from the promoters to overall policing costs. In this regard, I advise that the level of contribution to be made to An Garda Síochána is agreed by the local District Officer with the organisers, taking into account the nature and size of 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-000007-2018**.

*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:** IE86B0F190001710026896

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

**You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI-000007-2018) 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](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,

 SUPERINTENDENT  
SHARON KENNEDY  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

30 JANUARY, 2018