RTÉ Freedom of Information

2016 Disclosure Log of Freedom of Information requests completed

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| 4 January 2016 | 1 | Complaints received for 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', Radio One, 15 December 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 6 January 2016 | 2 | Wardrobe costs for drama, Rebellion. | Journalist | Refused |
| 6 January 2016 | 3 | Cost to RTÉ of guests/acts who participated in New Year's Eve Live programme from 3Arena on 31 December 2015 | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 6 January 2016 | 4 | Cost of guests who participated in 'The Late Late Show' Country Special on 23 October 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 6 January 2016 | 5 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 7 January 2016 | 6 | Cost of RTÉ Apps and number of downloads. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 11 January 2016 | 9 | RTÉ FOI statistics. | Journalist | Granted |
| 12 January 2016 | 10 | Costs of cosmetics for guests, hosts, performers on 'The Late Late Show', 2014 to 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 12 January 2016 | 11 | Complaints and correspondence to RTÉ in relation to 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' from 26 September 2015 to 11 January 2016. | Journalist | Granted (Summary of complaints) |
| 13 January 2016 | 14 | Correspondence and records regarding the decision to change the format to choose Ireland's Eurovision entry in 2016 | Journalist | Refused |

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| 15 January 2016 | 15 | Communications and costs surrounding Eurovision 2016. | Journalist | Refused |
| 19 January 2016 | 17 | Taxi/alcohol costs for 2015. | Member of the public | Granted in part |
| 21 January 2016 | 18 | Travel/taxi costs for 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 29 January 2016 | 19 | Remuneration fee of guests appearing on Gay Byrne's 'The Meaning of Life'. | Journalist | Refused |
| 29 January 2016 | 20 | Remuneration fee of guests appearing on 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' (television). | Journalist | Refused |
| 29 January 2016 | 21 | Costs to RTÉ of 'Fair City' between 2012 and 2015. | Member of the public | Granted in part |
| 1 February 2016 | 23 | Complaints to RTÉ from members of the public in relation to 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' broadcast on television on 14 November 2015 and 23 January 2016. | Journalist | Granted (Summary of complaints) |
| 1 February 2016 | 24 | Complaints to RTÉ from members of the public in relation to the television drama 'Rebellion'. | Journalist | Granted (Summary of complaints) |
| 1 February 2016 | 22 | Records relating to potential sale of land at Donnybrook site. | Journalist | Refused |
| 2 February 2016 | 25 | Correspondence to and from individual held by RTÉ | Member of the public | Deemed refusal |
| 2 February 2016 | 26 | Remuneration fee of Dean Strang for attendance on 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' on 23 January 2016. | Journalist | Refused |

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| 2 February 2016 | 27 | Wardrobe costs for Miriam O'Callaghan and Claire Byrne. | Journalist | Refused on administrative grounds |
| 3 February 2016 | 28 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Withdrawn |
| 10 February 2016 | 29 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 12 February 2016 | 30 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Granted in part |
| 17 February 2016 | 32 | Costs of guests who participated in the 'The Late Late Show's' Valentine's Day Special broadcast on 12 February 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 17 February 2016 | 33 | Allocation of broadcast time to each political party during General Election, 2016. | Political Party | Refused |
| 2 March 2016 | 16 | Cosmetic costs for 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 26 February 2016 (amended on 2 March 2016) | 34 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Granted in part |
| 3 March 2016 | 36 | 'The Late Late Show 2014 – 2016' - the list of competition winners. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 8 March 2016 | 37 | Communications, costs, special requests/requirements of participants and complaints relating to the "Claire Byrne Live" Leaders Debate on 15 February 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |

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| 8 March 2016 | 38 | Communications, costs, special requests/requirements of participants and complaints relating to "Prime Time" Leaders Debate on 23 February 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 14 March 2016 | 40 | Records relating to the appointment of Rory Coveney as Strategic Adviser to Director General, Noel Curran. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 15 March 2016 | 41 | Correspondence relating to interview on 'Liveline' from 2004 to 2006. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 18 March 2016 | 42 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 22 March 2016 | 43 | RTÉ salary costs. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 30 March 2016 | 39 | Correspondence relating to 'Liveline' in 2004. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 4 April 2016 | 44 | Costs associated with the Centenary 1916 commemorations | Journalist | Granted |
| 4 April 2016 | 45 | Communications regarding sponsorship of the "Big Big Movie". | Member of the public | Deemed refusal |
| 5 April 2016 | 46 | Expenditure on the programme "Prison in Peru: Michaella's First Interview". | Journalist | Refused |
| 7 April 2016 | 48 | Details of individuals who authored a news report appearing on the RTÉ Six One News. | Member of the public | Records in public domain. |
| 12 April 2016 | 49 | Complaints in relation to 'Callan's Kicks' on RTÉ, Radio 1 since January 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |

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| 18 April 2016 | 52 | Expenditure on the programme "Prison in Peru: Michaella's First Interview". | Journalist | Refused |
| 18 April 2016 | 53 | Details of pre-broadcasting meeting of 'Ray D'Arcy Show' (radio) on 9 February 2016 and records regarding Mr D'Arcy Senior. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 19 April 2016 | 54 | Costs of all TV programmes made by RTÉ in relation to the 1916 commemorations from January to April 2016. | Journalist | Withdrawn |
| 19 April 2016 | 55 | Taxi costs for 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 19 April 2016 | 56 | Cost/remuneration of guests on 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' for 2015. | Journalist | Refused |
| 26 April 2016 | 57 | RTÉ's total costs (2013 to 2015) for Wardrobe and top five programmes with the highest wardrobe costs; total amount spent on purchasing, maintaining, designing and constructing sets (2013 to 2015) and top five programmes with highest set costs. | Journalist | Granted |
| 27 April 2016 | 59 | Records concerning impartiality and bias in RTÉ political reporting from 2011 to date. | Journalist | Refused |
| 28 April 2016 | 58 | Details of RTÉ personnel who failed to pay TV licence. | Journalist | Refused on administrative grounds |
| 3 May 2016 | 62 | Costs for hairdressing, wardrobe and make-up for 'The Late Late Show', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', 'Saturday Night with Miriam', 'RTÉ News', 'Prime Time', 'Claire Byrne Live', 'Fair City' and 'Winning Streak' in 2014 and 2015. | Journalist | Granted |
| 3 May 2016 | 63 | Details of the cost to RTÉ of transport during 2014 and 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |

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| 3 May 2016 | 60 | Fees paid by RTÉ to enter Eurovision from 1974 to date. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 3 May 2016 | 61 | Cost of guests, staging and food/beverages for 'The Late Late Show', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' and 'Saturday Night with Miriam' during 2015; broken down as: food; non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic beverages; cost and name of individual guest and staging costs (lights, cameras, crew if applicable) per show by month. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 4 May 2016 | 65 | Records regarding Director General, Prime Time staff. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 9 May 2016 | 66 | The number of Freedom of Information requests RTÉ received from 2014 to 2016, with a breakdown of refusals, granted and partly granted. | Journalist | Granted |
| 9 May 2016 | 67 | Copies of expenses claims for Noel Curran, RTÉ Director General from 2011 to May 2016, and copies of his expenses for the year 2010. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 10 May 2016 | 69 | Total cost of RTÉ coverage (including live aerial coverage) of the state ceremonies and parade at the GPO on 27 March 2016. | Journalist | Granted |
| 10 May 2016 | 70 | Cost of televising RTÉ New Year's Eve Show in December 2015. | Journalist | Granted |
| 12 May 2016 | 68 | Correspondence between Oireachtas and registered political parties and RTÉ about balance and fairness in coverage; representation of TDs and members of political parties and allegations of impartiality. | Journalist | Refused |
| 17 May 2016 | 71 | Correspondence between Paddy Power and 'Today with | Journalist | Refused |

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| | | Seán O'Rourke' show regarding sponsored polls. | | |
| 17 May 2016 | 76 | Details of profits from RTÉ television and radio competitions from 2013 to 2015. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 17 May 2016 | 77 | Details of the number of projects and total amount paid to Mr. Ed Mulhall, since his departure from RTÉ. | Political party | Granted in part |
| 18 May 2016 | 78 | All records of guests for the television programme 'The Meaning of Life'. | Journalist | Refused |
| 18 May 2016 | 79 | All records of guests for the television programme 'The Ray D'Arcy Show'. | Journalist | Refused |
| 23 May 2016 | 81 | Details of what RTÉ pays all pundits/commentators on political, economic and social issues. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 3 June 2016 | 84 | Masts in Co. Donegal. | Business/interest group | Refused |
| 7 June 2016 | 85 | RTÉ spend in 2015 on various television genres. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 13 June 2016 | 86 | Amount spent by Irish Water on advertising with RTÉ. | Politician | Refused |
| 13 June 2016 | 87 | Breakdown of costs associated with the 'Wild Atlantic Way' programme on 'The Ryan Tubridy Show' on RTÉ Radio 1 in May 2016. | Journalist | Refused |
| 13 June 2016 | 88 | Request for costs and details regarding RTÉ work-related mobile phones from 2013 to 2015. | Journalist | Refused |
| 28 June 2016 | 89 | Information regarding the voting patterns and results of 'The Irish Country Music Awards' on RTÉ television on 24 June | Member of the public | Refused |

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| | | 2016. | | |
| 28 June 2016 | 90 | Details of clothing allowances for RTÉ presenters and costs of RTÉ branded umbrellas | Journalist | Part granted |
| 30 June 2016 | 92 | Correspondence regarding RTÉ staff on 'zero hour' contracts. | Journalist | Granted |
| 4 July 2016 | 94 | The total number of newspapers, broken down by title, purchased by RTÉ in 2015. | Journalist | Refused |
| 13 July 2016 | 95 | Personal records. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 14 July 2016 | 97 | Details of the expenses claimed and granted to the legal representative of Fr. Kevin Reynolds in 2012. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 14 July 2016 | 98 | Records of the financial involvement of RTÉ in the production of 'Mrs Brown Boys'. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 14 July 2016 | 96 | Personal records enquiry. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 14 July 2016 | 99 | Records relating to RTÉ's coverage of the 'European Championships 2016'. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 19 July 2016 | 100 | Copy of the RTÉ Audience Logs from 2015 to July 2016 and a list of all RTÉ personnel to whom it is circulated. | Member of the public | Granted in part |
| 21 July 2016 | 101 | All documentation regarding an interview via Skype for a 'HeresHow.ie' podcasting June 2016. | Member of the public | Refused |

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| 22 July 2016 | 102 | Copies of briefing notes prepared for, and presentations given to the new RTÉ Director General. | Journalist | Refused |
| 25 July 2016 | 103 | Wardrobe and make-up costs, taxi and guest fees for the 'Saturday Night with Miriam's show from 2015 to July 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 25 July 2016 | 104 | Records of RTÉ purchasing card statements from 2014 to 2016. | Journalist | Withdrawn |
| 25 July 2016 | 105 | Records of travel expenses associated with production of 'Crimecall' from 2015 to July 2016 | Journalist | Refused |
| 25 July 2016 | 106 | Correspondence between RTÉ and independent production company regarding 'Crimecall'. | Journalist | Refused |
| 25 July 2016 | 107 | A copy of an RTÉ-commissioned report on public service broadcasting. | Journalist | Refused |
| 27 July 2016 | 108 | Records of briefing documents for new RTÉ Director General and correspondence between office of the new RTÉ Director General and the Minister for Communications, Climate Change and Environment from 1 April 2016 to 27 July 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 3 August 2016 | 109 | Travel and wardrobe costs for RTÉ in 2015; guest fees, accommodation and transport for 'The Late Late Show' and 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' in 2015 and 2016. | Journalist | Granted |
| 5 August 2016 | 110 | Amount that RTÉ spent on purchasing new suits, hiring external make-up artists and barbers/hairdressers for RTÉ presenters for the run-up to the Irish General Election coverage (3-24 February 2016). | Politician | Granted |

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| 8 August 2016 | 113 | The number of RTÉ employees whose salaries are paid to private companies and the amounts paid each year, since 2008. | Journalist | Granted |
| 8 August 2016 | 114 | Copy of RTÉ's gender and diversity policy. | Politician | Granted |
| 8 August 2016 | 112 | Operating costs of RTÉ since 2008 and funding given to RTÉ since 2008. | Politician | Refused |
| 11 August 2016 | 116 | RTÉ policy re use of RTÉ email accounts by employees. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 24 August 2016 | 118 | Cost of special episode of 'Fair City' and breakdown of those costs. | Journalist | Refused |
| 24 August 2016 | 120 | Records relating to RTÉ's commercial arrangement for sponsorship of the 'Big Big Movie' on RTÉ television. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 24 August 2016 | 119 | Costs of three programmes: 'Striking Out', 'Acceptable Risk' and 'Resistance'. | Journalist | Refused |
| 26 August 2016 | 121 | Total number of gambling and/or betting advertisements on Radio and Television from 20-26 June 2016 and from 8-14 August 2016. | Business / Interest Group | Granted |
| 26 August 2016 | 122 | Copies of all complaints received by RTÉ in relation to 'The Rose of Tralee' festival 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part (Summary of complaints) |
| 26 August 2016 | 123 | Number of times each episode of 'Reeling in the Years' has been broadcast on RTÉ; the number of times 'Scannal' has | Journalist | Granted |

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| | | been broadcast on RTÉ and on TG4. | | |
| 26 August 2016 | 124 | Correspondence relating to RTÉ Radio 1's 'Today with Seán O'Rourke' 2015 Budget 'phone-in' programme. | Journalist | Refused |
| 31 August 2016 | 125 | Records relating to RTÉ's coverage of the Olympic Games 2016. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 6 September 2016 | 126 | Details regarding all martial arts related programmes and coverage on RTÉ radio and television over the last five years. | Business group | Refused |
| 13 September 2016 | 127 | Correspondence between RTÉ and Minister of Department of Communications, Climate Change and Environment re. 'Eircode' advertising campaign. | Politician | Refused |
| 15 September 2016 | 130 | All costs for wardrobe and make-up for 'Claire Byrne Live' from 2015 to date. | Journalist | Refused |
| 15 September 2016 | 131 | Correspondence from members of the public regarding RTÉ staff wardrobe. | Journalist | Refused |
| 15 September 2016 | 129 | Details of costs of foreign and regional offices of RTÉ News and Current Affairs from 2014 to 2015. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 20 September 2016 | 133 | Cost of panellists on RTÉ during Olympic Games 2016. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 26 September 2016 | 136 | Details of RTÉ credit card statements for 'The Late Late Show' for September 2016. | Journalist | Refused |
| 29 September 2016 | 135 | Details regarding journalists/researchers receiving severance payments from 2013 to date. | Journalist | Granted |
| 4 October 2016 | 137 | Correspondence between RTÉ/'Morning Ireland' and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade from 26 September 2016 to 3 | Journalist | Refused |

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| | | October 2016. | | |
| 6 October 2016 | 132 | Records relating to RTÉ panellists on: 'European Championships 2016', 'Six Nations 2016' coverage and 'The Sunday Game' in 2016. Records and costs relating to RTÉ's coverage of the Olympics 2016. | Member of the public | Granted in part |
| 7 October 2016 | 138 | The effective radiated power of Longwave 252 and dates/duration of scheduled essential maintenance outages during period January 2015 to end August 2016. | Member of the public | Granted |
| 13 October 2016 | 139 | Cost of refurbishment of new set for 'The Ray D'Arcy Show'. | Journalist | Granted |
| 17 October 2016 | 140 | Submissions made by RTÉ to the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission since 2015. | Journalist | Granted |
| 19 October 2016 | 141 | Records relating to use of any illegal drugs amongst staff, freelancers or visitors to RTÉ premises. | Journalist | Refused |
| 1 November 2016 | 142 | Handover documents or correspondence created for new RTÉ Director General. | Journalist | Refused |
| 1 November 2016 | 143 | Records relating to the number of individual programmes and the duration of those programmes, for ten RTÉ presenters and remuneration paid to same. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 8 November 2016 | 144 | Details of payments for promotions (including interview, travel etc.), for an interview with Bruce Springsteen on 'The Late Late Show'. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 15 November 2016 | 146 | Records regarding: guests on 'The Late Late Show'; criteria used for selecting guests to appear on 'The Late Late Show'; correspondence between RTÉ, 'The Late Late Show' and the | Member of the public | Refused |

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| | | show's presenter, regarding appearance of Katie Hopkins; remuneration paid to Katie Hopkins; records regarding the appearance of Members of the European Parliament on RTÉ radio and television programmes since 2014. | | |
| 15 November 2016 | 147 | Records of all guests appearing on 'The Late Late Show' and appearance fees and expenses for 2016. Details of all fees, including appearance fee and expenses paid to 'Late Late Show' guest Katie Hopkins (or representatives) in respect of her appearance on the show on 11 Nov 2016. | Journalist | Refused |
| 15 November 2016 | 149 | A breakdown of fee or remuneration paid, by either RTÉ or an advertisement sponsor, for each guest that has appeared on 'The Late Late Show' between 2014 and 2016. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 15 November 2016 | 150 | Correspondence between RTÉ management re decision to book Katie Hopkins as a guest on 'The Late Late Show.' | Journalist | Refused |
| 15 November 2016 | 152 | Correspondence between, RTÉ, 'The Late Late Show', the RTÉ Director General, 'The Late Late Show' presenter, RTÉ producers and Katie Hopkins regarding her appearance on 'The Late Late Show'. | Journalist | Refused |
| 15 November 2016 | 153 | List of complaints made to RTÉ after the appearance of Ms. Katie Hopkins on 'The Late Late Show', including number of complaints received and the reason for the complaints. | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 24 November 2016 | 154 | Details of wardrobe and make-up costs for staff and guests on 'Claire Byrne Live' (2015 and to date in 2016); cost of taxis and guest fees for the show (2015 and to date in 2016). | Journalist | Granted in part |
| 24 November 2016 | 155 | Costs of the 2015 series 'Vogue Williams – Wild Girls'. | Journalist | Refused |

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| 6 December 2016 | 158 | Records regarding payment to Katie Hopkins for her appearance on 'The Late Late Show'. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 6 December 2016 | 159 | Cost of guests for 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' and 'The Late Late Show' for 2015 and 2016. | Journalist | Granted |
| 9 December 2016 | 157 | Number of appearances by four Irish Government Ministers since the start of 2016 on the twelve RTÉ television and radio shows. | Journalist | Granted |
| 19 December 2016 | 162 | RTÉ Sportsperson of the Year - all correspondence re. RTÉ drawing up its shortlist and the number of votes each contestant got in public vote. | Journalist | Refused |
| 19 December 2016 | 163 | Personal records information. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 19 December 2016 | 164 | Personal records information. | Member of the public | Refused |
| 20 December 2016 | 165 | Personal records information. | Member of the public | Refused |