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2018 Freedom of Information requests carried over and completed in January 2019

RTÉ FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
199.	21.11.2018	All documents (incl. memos, reports, correspondence), between RTÉ and Galway 2020, or their representatives, (including DG of RTÉ and CEO of Galway 2020) pertaining to RTÉ's partnership with Galway 2020 and the European Capital of Culture project, (between April 1, 2018 and October 31, 2018).	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(a); 36(1)(b) and (c), 37(1).
201.	03.12.2018	Guest costs for RTÉ chat shows in 2017: 'Saturday Night with Miriam', 'The Late Late Show', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' and 'The Cutting Edge': taxi costs, hotel costs, flight costs, total fees, hairdressing and make-up, wardrobe and 'Green Room'.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
204.	21.11.2018	Copies of records (years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) showing numbers employed in RTÉ as: PAYE employees; contracted to RTÉ as self employed individuals; under contract through companies.	Member of the Public	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a).
209.	6.12.2018	Total cost of production of the 2018 'The Late Late Toy Show, The Greatest Showman': breakdown of costs for: 'Green Room' hospitality; Audience hospitality; travel costs for guests and for how many guests; security on the night and days leading up to the show.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(a) and (b). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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211.	12.12.2018	<p>All correspondence between RTÉ News and Current Affairs Management regarding the appointment of correspondents under the new five year agreement with staff between 1 Jan 2018 and December 2018.</p> <p>Correspondence between Jon Williams and Hilary McGouran during 2018 in relation to new rules governing the appointment of correspondents at RTÉ.</p> <p>Correspondence between RTÉ journalists and managing editors and management regarding the appointment of correspondents during 2018.</p>	Journalist	Refused.
213.	13.12.2018	<p>The number of staff who availed of contributions for clothing through RTÉ's direct clothing house. The amounts of money and names of reporters, correspondents and presenters who availed of this in 2016, 2017, 2018.</p> <p>The number of staff who availed of contributions for clothing through RTÉ's Wardrobe Department. The amounts of money received and names of reporters, correspondents and presenters who availed of this in 2016, 2017, 2018.</p> <p>The full wardrobe costs for 'Today with Maura and Daithi' and 'The Late Late Show' for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.</p> <p>The full wardrobe costs for 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' for 2016, 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>The full wardrobe costs for the 'Saturday Night with Miriam' show in 2015 & 2016.</p>	Journalist	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Section 37(1).</p>

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1.	08/01/2019	Records received by RTÉ from politicians, public figures or members of the public relating to the decision not to reappoint Martina Fitzgerald as a political correspondent.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
2.	08/01/2019	Records related to whether or not the Lotto results draw (Wednesday/Saturday) will continue to be broadcast on RTÉ television and whether there have been discussions around ending the broadcasts.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
3.	03/01/2019	Access to the recent 'Peer-to-Peer review on PSM Values' (RTÉ) by the European Broadcasting Union	Journalist	Granted.
4.	03/01/2019	How much was spent by RTÉ in 2017 and 2018 on bottled water.	Journalist	Granted.
5.	08/01/2019	The costs (flights, accommodation, expenses etc.) associated with sending Caitriona Perry to London to host the 'Six One News' live from London on December 12 2018; please include a copy of any receipts related to the aforementioned costs.	Journalist	Refused. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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6.	04/01/2019	All correspondence between RTÉ management and staff discussing concerns or difficulties over Eurovision 2019 being hosted in Israel. Any briefings, reports, memos, submissions prepared for RTÉ management or the RTÉ Board of Management relating to possible protest over Eurovision 2019 being hosted in Israel. Any correspondence received by RTÉ relating to Eurovision Song Contest 2019 being hosted in Israel.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
7.	08/01/2019	Total amount spent by RTÉ on taxi services in 2018 and 2017; the individual amount paid to the top 10 earning taxi firms and the names of the taxi firms in each case for 2017 and 2018.	Journalist.	Granted.
8.	08/01/2019	Feedback received by RTÉ concerning: 'Whistleblower' (the Maurice McCabe documentary); 'The Young Offenders' Christmas Special; 'Bridget and Eamon Christmas special'; 'Celebrity Home of the Year', and 'Mrs Brown's Boys' (episodes aired on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve).	Journalist.	Granted in part (Summary of 'feedback') Sections: 35(1)(a); 30(a) and (b). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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9.	09.01.2019	The costs to RTE of constructing the new 'Fair City' set. A breakdown of the payments made to named third parties concerning the construction of the new set and what service/materials the third parties provided. The time period of construction; the numbers involved in the construction project.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
10.	09.01.2018	In 2018, the number of RTÉ staff to take incentivised career breaks (ICB); total amount RTÉ paid to staff under the heading of 'incentivised career break'; highest amount paid out to an individual staff member under ICB and highest weekly amount paid; total amount paid out. Any internal reports in 2018 on 'take up' of the scheme and impact on RTÉ finances.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
11.	10.01.2019	Copies of contracts between RTÉ and 'Lovely Men Ltd., from 1 January 2014 to the present day.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
12.	10.01.2019	Details of documents obtained by RTÉ from The Pentagon via Freedom of Information request (13/08/2011); details of documents reported by Richard Dowling on RTÉ News at One:	Member of the Public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
13.	11.01.2019	Re. the RTÉ Annual Report: request the following information for 2017 relating to digital advertising business division only: Advertising income; Sponsorship income with revenue detail broken down into following formats: Embedded display/Interruptive display/Native advertising/Tenancy (all other types of sponsorship display advertising that isn't native in nature)/Pre/mid/post roll video/Digital audio/Other.	Business / Interest Group	Granted in Part. Section 15(1)(a).
14.	16.01.2019	Payments received by Radio columnist, Olivia O'Leary in 2016 and in 2017 respectively, from RTÉ.	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
15.	17.01.2019	Copies of any communications in 2017 and 2018, between the National Union of Journalists and RTÉ in relation to employment contracts in RTE.	Member of the Public	Withdrawn by requestor.
16.	21.01.2019	Records held by RTÉ from 1 February 2014 to date, relating to Prohibition on Incitement to Hatred Act, 1989. All records held by RTÉ relating to Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (also known as Public Sector Duty).	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(b), as a result of Section 12(1)(b).

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FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
17.	21.01.2019	Records from 1/1/2017 to date, relating to RTÉ's commitment to ensure accessibility* of the RTÉ Player during the procurement and design process which has led to the current version of the player." (*accessibility = what efforts/actions RTÉ have taken to make the RTÉ Player accessible to all users, in particular during the most recent redesign of the Player which was launched in December 2018).	Business/Interest Group	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(a) and (b); 37(1).
18.	22.01.2019	All correspondence between RTÉ, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland relating to Ireland taking part in the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest in Tel Aviv, Israel, between 1st May 2018 and 22nd January 2019.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
19.	23.01.2019	A full copy of complaints made to RTÉ regarding Prime Time (22 January 2019).	Journalist.	Withdrawn by Requestor.
20.	23.01.2019	How many documentaries were commissioned by RTÉ in 2016, 2017 and 2018 but were never aired, and/or production was halted? The cost of wardrobe for 'Dancing with the Stars' celebrities for 2017 and 2018?	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
21.	23.01.2019	Copies of all correspondence between RTÉ and An Post and/or the Department of Communications, Climate Change and Environment (sent/received), on the subject of TV licence fee collection efficiency (request to cover January 2017 to date).	Journalist	Granted in part. Section: 29(1)(a) and (b).
22.	25.01.2019	Costs in 2018 for guests on the following RTÉ chat shows: 'The Late Late Show', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', 'The Podge and Rodge Show' and 'Claire Byrne Live': costs for: taxis, hotels, flights, total cost for guests on each show, hairdressing, make-up, wardrobe and 'Green Room'.	Journalist	Granted.
23.	29.01.2019	An itemised list of the costs associated with the new RTÉ News studio. An itemised list of the costs associated with the redesign and construction the Montrose site; including the new junction on the N11. When conducting search and retrieval, consider official information held on non-official systems, emails accounts and devices, for example WhatsApp groups etc.	Journalist	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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24.	04.02.2019	All records on the cost, including future cost and financial provision, of employee severance to RTÉ. Timeframe of records: a) all of 2018; b) November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 37(1).
25.	04.02.2019	A copy of the minutes of the RTÉ Board meeting held in January 2019.	Journalist.	Withdrawn by requestor.
26.	07.02.2019	All correspondence between RTÉ and unions concerning the role of North-East Correspondent since 1 January 2016; specifically related to potential removal or downgrading of role, as well as its retention in current form. All internal correspondence since 1 January 2018, regarding scaling-down/removal of regional services, including concerns raised with management over regional coverage across TV and radio.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 30(1)(b) and (c); 35(1);

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27.	07.02.2018	<p>All records that pertain to the use by RTÉ radio programmes other than AA Roadwatch, of studios in AA building normally used by AA Roadwatch. In particular: communications/policies/other records re: how such use should be referred to on air; when & whether use of these studios is/is not acceptable.</p> <p><i>(Communications = records of communications to/from/within RTÉ. Policies = that RTÉ has/or has had in force at any time, or has discussed or proposed, regardless whether they were enforced, and records of discussions).</i></p> <p>Requesting all communications between RTÉ & the AA (and all discussion within RTÉ of potential communications with the AA) regarding: content/presentation/inclusion in AA Roadwatch of web addresses, 'twitter' handles, phone numbers & any other references to social media or means of contacting the AA.</p>	Journalist	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(a).</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>
28.	08.02.2018	Records of the cost to RTÉ of the new 'Fair City' set: the budget allocated and the overall cost when finished.	Journalist.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section: 15(1)(a).</p>

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29.	08.02.2019	Copy of RTÉ's raw (unedited) footage of the National Finals of hare coursing at Powerstown Park, Clonmel, broadcast on RTÉ 'Six One News' & Sport (5 February 2019).	Business/ Interest Group	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
30.	11.02.2019	All correspondence and complaints received by RTÉ in relation to the new RTÉ News Studio 'wall' since launch last month.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(a) and (b); 35(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
31.	11.02.2019	A record of all correspondence between 1 Sept 2018 - 11 Feb 2019 (including emails, letters, text messages, 'WhatsApp' messages, briefing documents, draft briefing documents, memos, meeting notes and other records), sent to and from the Taoiseach, representatives of 'Operation Transformation' and/or RTÉ, about the appearance of An Taoiseach on the show.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000. Section: 15(1)(a).

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32.	11.02.2019	Re. Prime Time (1 Oct 2016-31 Dec 2018), <i>non-programme related</i> records of any correspondence containing mentions of 'Scientology', 'Drug Free World' and/or 'Narconon', which are included in the management, administrative, financial, commercial, communication or contractual files of RTÉ (response by post).	Business/ Interest Group	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a).
33.	15.02.2019	RTÉ policies/guidelines, issued to RTÉ staff or correspondents on the subject of drugs and/or drug abuse for the period 2010-2018 (response by post).	Business/ Interest Group	Granted.
34.	11.02.2019	The budget (including breakdown of expenses), spent on making of 'Prime Time' – 'Scientology - The Return' (broadcast 18th December 2018) (response by post).	Business/ Interest Group	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
35.	13.02.2019	Copy of any review, report and/or recommendations which the RTÉ Archive Strategy group submitted to RTÉ (request original format in which report was submitted).	Member of staff.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(f).
36.	13.02.2019	Cost of upgrade to RTÉ TV Studio 3, including how much was paid to a named third party for redesign, and breakdown of amounts paid on different studio 'specs' (e.g. new video wall, HD cameras).	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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37.	14.02.2019	How much was spent on furniture for the new RTÉ News studio set? This would include new desks and the new couch.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
38.	18.02.2018	A database/spreadsheet/list for 2016, 2017 and 2018 containing: number of employees sacked and reason for dismissal of each; number of employees suspended and reason for suspension; number of complaints of bullying received and the number of complaints of sexual harassment received.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 37(1).
39.	18.02.2019	Database/spreadsheet of all guests that appeared on 'The Late Late Show' in 2018.	Journalist.	Granted.
40.	22.02.2019	From July 2018 to date, all 'feedback' received from members of the public regarding: 1) RTÉ Television news broadcasts and 2). Newsreaders for: One O'Clock News, Six One News, Nine O'Clock News, and Nuacht.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Summary of feedback & comments. Sections: 30(1)(a) and (b); 35(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
41.	25.02.2019	Copies of all records related to a RTÉ Access to Information on the Environment request, which was refused.	Journalist	Granted.

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42.	26.02.2019	Costs relating to taxis ordered for all RTÉ staff members for years 2017 & 2018; all guests of RTÉ for the same time period.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a).
43.	26.02.2019	1. Complaints received by RTÉ from the general public about the new RTÉ News studio set and music. 2. Complaints received by RTÉ from the general public about RTÉ's 'Dancing with the Stars' show.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Summary of feedback & comments. Sections: 30(a) and (b); 35(1)(a).
46.	04.03.2019	All personal expenses (travel, subsistence, accommodation, etc.) claimed in 2017 and 2018 by RTÉ Director General (all records and receipts for the expenses claimed).	Journalist.	Granted.
47.	04.03.2019	Entire records/transcripts in connection with 'Garda bugging issues' on 'This Week', RTÉ Radio 1, 1 March and 1 November 2015 (& if applicable, other news feature programmes - on those dates or subsequent).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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48.	04.03.2019	Qualifications required by RTÉ of major broadcasters - news & political-related events, and of chairpersons of political-related discussions.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a)
50.	07.03.2019	Correspondence & minutes of any meetings between representatives from National Lottery and RTÉ re. production of 'Winning Streak'; internal correspondence or production notes among those working on 'Winning Streak' re. programme's format; memos, internal correspondence or minutes of meetings among staff working on 'Winning Streak' relating to National Lottery.	Journalist.	Withdrawn by requestor.
51.	11.03.2019	Correspondence, minutes of meetings and reports from 25/02/2019 to date, concerning RTÉ's decision/direction not to play Michael Jackson songs on RTÉ radio, in response to fresh child sex abuse allegations.	Journalist.	Refusal. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000
52.	12.03.2019	All internal RTÉ correspondence (including memos, reports, briefing notes and emails) relating to Eurovision 2019 artist selection process (between November 2018 - March 2019). Any correspondence received by RTÉ from potential Irish competitors in protest of Eurovision 2019 being hosted in Israel.	Journalist.	Refusal. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.