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25	21.02.2018	Copies of any records relating to the decision to pre-record the Irish language Nuacht bulletin on RTÉ 1.	Journalist	Refusal. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000
28	27.02.2018	Copy of document RTÉ holds relating to the requestor.	Staff	Granted in part Section 37(1)
31	08.03.2018	Correspondence from members of the public relating to RTÉ coverage of 'Storm Emma' (and related adverse weather events, and Met Eireann broadcasts) in relation to same (to include emails, letters, SMS / texts, faxes, memos, meeting minutes and notes of phone calls), from 26 February to 7 March 2018.	Journalist	Refusal. Section 15(1)(c)
32	08.03.2018	Itemised bill for the cost of accommodating RTÉ Staff during the extreme weather event – 'Storm Emma'; to include all items/sundries, i.e. hotel rooms, meals/bar bills etc, as well as expense claims submitted relating to same.	Journalist	Refusal. Section 15(1)(c)
33	13.03.2018	Records linked to the contract for services in 2017 between RTÉ and Met Eireann; including any financial arrangements.	Member of the Public	Refusal. Sections: 30(1)(c), 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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34	15.03.2018	Copies of records showing details of sponsorship provided by Paddy Power Bookmakers on RTÉ radio and television programmes (01.01.2016 to date of FOI request); details to include a breakdown showing each programme sponsored, and the amount of sponsorship for each programme.	Member of the Public	Refusal. Sections: 35 (1)(b), 36(1)(b), 41(2)(b) and (n).
36	20.03.2018	Copies of all inspection reports and other documentation including invoices, received from pest-control service providers in respect of work carried out at the RTÉ site (studios, offices, all other buildings and locations) in Dublin during 2017; a record of the total amount of money spent on pest-control services during 2017.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b), 37(1) and under Data Protection legislation.
37	21.03.2018	The number of employees that work on Aertel; the total cost spent by RTÉ on Aertel annually; the latest/updated figures on the number of users Aertel currently services (time frame of request 01/01/2014 - 31/12/2017).	Journalist	Granted.

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39.	21.03.2018	The cost of: 'Green Room' for guests and hospitality for the Audience of 'The Late Late Show Valentine's Special' for 2017 and 2018; costs to include alcohol, snacks and other refreshments given.	Journalist	Granted.
40.	17.04.2018	The total number of RTE staff who took redundancy packages in 2017; in what RTÉ areas/departments were these members of staff working; and how many from each department took redundancy; the total monetary sum that was paid out to these employees in 2017.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) & (b); 30(1)(b) & (c); 36(1)(c), 40(1)(b).
41	26.03.2018	Records and correspondence to do with the regular exclusion over a number of years (2000-2012) of 'The Sunday World' newspaper from 'It Says in the Papers' on Sunday mornings.	Journalist	Refusal. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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42	27.03.2018	The gender balance for the following positions in the News and Current Affairs department of RTÉ for both radio and TV (as of 1 March 2018): Director/Editor/Assistant Editor/Producer/Assistant Producer/Presenter(s), (Anchor, primarily based in studio) / Presenter(s) (primarily based outside studio); confirm the gender pay gap between male and female staff members undertaking each role (to be assessed separately for both radio and TV staff).	Member of the Public	Handled outside of Freedom of Information process.
44.	27.03.2018	The review of how RTÉ engages with contractors which was completed in March.	Journalist	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – record did not exist as review was not finished.
45.	27.03.2018	Between January and December 2017, on how many occasions did certain named Members of the European Parliament appear on the 'Today with Sean O'Rourke' RTÉ Radio 1 radio programme (either in studio or by telephone).	Member of the Public	Granted.
46.	28.03.2018	Request for name of third party company providing services to RTÉ. Request for information on programmes repeated on RTÉ One and RTÉ 2, between specified times of day, during certain months in 2017 and 2018.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a) – records do not exist.

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47.	28.03.2018	Records held relating to “any decision by ‘The Ryan Tubridy Show’ not to declare sponsorship” by a named third party of the programme broadcast from Cheltenham; copies of any correspondence received by RTÉ relating to the above.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 30(1)(a); 35(1)(a); 37(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
48.	04.04.2018	2018 fees paid to ‘Dancing with the Stars’ contestants; fees paid to the professional dancers; total cost of costume hire for dancers and contestants; total catering costs for all crew and dancers; total accommodation costs for the series for dancers and crew; fees paid to the presenters and judges.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 35, 36(1)(b) and (c) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
49.	06.04.2018	Records relating to TG4/RTÉ News provision agreements from 2016 to date.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
50.	06.04.2018	Minutes of RTÉ Executive meetings from 2017 to date.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a), 30(1)(b), 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
51.	06.04.2018	JNLR listenership figures for Raidió na Gaeltachta for 2017.	Journalist.	Granted.

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52.	06.04.2018	RTÉ records from 2017 to date in relation to RnaG management.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 30(1)(b).
53.	06.04.2018	Minutes of meetings from 2017 to date.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 30 (1)(a), 37(1) and Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
54.	06.04.2018	Records relating to legislative provision of programming by RTÉ from 2016 to date, and a breakdown by programme.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a), 30 (1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
55.	24.05.2018 (date of revised request)	The number of times certain advertisements for a named advertiser were shown on RTÉ One and RTÉ 2, during the months of January, February, March 2018.	Member of the Public	Granted.
56.	13.04.2018	Total amounts RTÉ paid in 2017 for guests appearing on: 'The Cutting Edge', 'Prime Time', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', 'Marian Finucane', 'The Late Debate'.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000
57.	16.04.2018	Records of any severance agreement for a named RTÉ employee.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) – Records do not exist.

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58.	19.04.2018	Copy of the requestor's records.	Member of the Public	Granted.
59.	18.04.2018	Total amount that RTÉ spent on external legal advice in 2016, 2017 and to date in 2018; amounts that RTÉ paid each external legal firm for such work in those years.	Member of the Public	Granted in Part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c) Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.
60.	19.04.2018	All complaints received by RTÉ from the general public regarding presenters/on-air radio presenters on RTÉ Radio One and 2fm (including specified named presenters).	Journalist	Withdrawn.
61.	24.04.2018	Memos/reports/briefings on the future of Aertel, and any correspondence between RTÉ and Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources on the future of Aertel since the start of 2016.	Journalist	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a), 30(1)(b) and (c) and 36(1)(c).
62.	26.04.2018	All documents between RTÉ and 'Galway 2020', from January 1, 2017 and March 30, 2018.	Journalist	Granted in Part. Sections 36(1)(b) and 37(1).
63.	30.04.2018	Internal correspondence (with instructions on impartiality) issued to RTÉ staff ahead of the Referendum on the 8th Amendment.	Journalist	Granted in Part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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64.	09.05.2018 (date of revised request)	Records of payments/or 'payments-in-kind' from any motor car dealership in 2017, to certain named presenters and approved by RTÉ management:	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) – records do not exist.
65.	01/05.2018	Copies of all letters received by RTÉ from public representatives (TDs, senators or councillors) from 2016 to date, in connection with the retention of Aertel.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) – records do not exist.
66.	01.05.2018	Why is TG4HD not available through Saorview or Saorview Connect? Why is the RTÉ Radio Player not available in the 'On Demand' section of Saorview Connect? Has RTÉ sought to add any new channels to Saorview or Saorview Connect?	Member of the Oireachtas	Granted.
67.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did former elected public representatives of a named political party appear on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
68.	01.05.2018	The number of times two named Members of the European Parliament appeared on the discussion panel of the programme 'The Friday Gathering' during 2017?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).

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69.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did certain named Members of the European Parliament appear on 'Today with Seán O'Rourke' (in studio or by telephone); how many of each of those named MEP's were to take part in the programme 'The Friday Gathering'?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
70.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of Fianna Fáil appear on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
71.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of Fine Gael appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
72.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of Sinn Féin appear in studio on RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
73.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of the Green Party appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).

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74.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of the Green Party appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
75.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of Fine Gael appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
76.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of Fianna Fáil appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
77.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives the Labour Party appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
78.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of Fianna Fáil appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).

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79.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of the Green Party appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
80.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of Sinn Féin appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
81.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of Fine Gael appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
82.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of the Labour Party appear in studio on a named RTÉ radio programme; how many episodes of this programme had a particular RTÉ presenter.	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
83.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of Fianna Fáil appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).

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84.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of Fine Gael appear in studio the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
85.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did <u>former</u> elected public representatives of the Green Party appear in studio the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
86.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of the Labour Party appear in studio the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
87.	01.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of Sinn Féin appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).

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88.	01.05.2018	In 2017, on how many occasions did elected public representatives of a certain named political party appear in studio on the RTÉ Radio 1 'Marian Finucane' programme?; on how many occasions did Marian Finucane present that programme?	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a) and (d).
89.	08.05.2018	Copies of correspondence (1 January 2018 to date of request) between RTÉ and a named third party regarding content; copies of reports, submissions, or other documents prepared relating to the above for RTÉ DG or Board of RTÉ.	Journalist	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
90.	02.05.2018	Cost of the independent report titled "RTÉ Orchestras – Ensuring a Sustainable Future". Information on programme repeats on RTÉ One and RTÉ 2 during certain specified times and dates in 2017 and 2018.	Member of the Public	Refused. Sections: 30(1)(b), 36(1)(b), 15(1)(a).
92.	08.05.2018	Copy of briefing material prepared for RTÉ Director General ahead of RTÉ appearance at the Public Accounts Committee.	Journalist	Granted.
93.	09.05.2018	In 2016, on how many occasions did certain named Members of the European Parliament appear on RTÉ radio programme 'Today with Seán O'Rourke' (in studio or by telephone).	Member of the Oireachtas	Refused. Sections: 15(1) (a) and (d).

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94.	24.05.2018 (clarified request)	The totals paid by RTÉ to the EBU for membership during 2016 and 2017; total paid by RTÉ to EBU for the following services: purchases of rights, network sales, other services; copy of membership agreement between RTÉ and the EBU for 2017; copy of audited EBU financial statements for 2016.	Member of the Public	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b), 15(1)(a) and (d).
95.	14.05.2018	Number of viewers who watched 'The Late Late Show' on 20 April 2018 and 27 April 2018.	Member of the Public	Granted.
97.	23.05.2018	Request for RTÉ salary scales and whether RTÉ paid performance related bonuses in 2016 and 2017.	Member of the Public	Granted.
98.	15.05.2018	Whether Ireland's Eurovision 2018 contestant attended as a guest of a pre-Eurovision promotional event; what was the cost to RTÉ of this attendance.	Member of the Oireachtas	Granted.
100.	16.05.2018	Communications regarding an RTÉ application to the BAI.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) – records do not exist.

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101.	16.05.2018	How many complaints RTÉ received in relation to 'Claire Byrne Live' (14.05.2018) on RTÉ One, and summary of complaints received.	Journalist	Withdrawn.
102.	16.05.2018	Correspondence received by RTÉ regarding coverage of the Referendum on the Eighth Amendment during a broadcast of 'Claire Byrne Live' (14.05.2018).	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), 35(1)(Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
103.	18.05.2018	Copies of all complaints and correspondence RTÉ received in relation to 'Claire Byrne Live' (14.05.201).	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), 35(1)(a) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
105.	28.05.2018	Total number of complaints received regarding 'Claire Byrne Live' (14.05.2018).	Journalist	Granted.
106.	28.05.2018	Correspondence received by RTÉ regarding coverage of Referendum on Eighth Amendment during 'Prime Time' (22.05.2018).	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), 35(1)(a) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000
107.	29.05.2018	Copies/notes of all complaints received by RTÉ in relation to 'Prime Time' (22.05.2018) and any response offered by RTÉ.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), 35(1)(a) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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108.	29.05.2018	Copies/notes of all complaints received by RTÉ in relation to 'Claire Byrne Live' (14.05.2018) and any responses offered by RTÉ.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), 35(1)(a) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
109.	29.05.2018	Copies of feedback received by RTÉ concerning 'Claire Byrne Live' (14.05.2018).	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), 35(1)(a) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.