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99.	*15 May 2018	Copies of all communications (including emails) concerning the "Pre-Eurovision Israel-Calling" event held in Israel in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.	Member of Oireachtas	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a), 35(1), 37(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000. <i>*FOI response issued on 12 July 2018.</i>
148.	27 August 2018	Audience listening figures for all programmes related to the Pope's visit. Audience viewing figures for all programmes related to Pope's visit (in the period of the visit).	Member of the Public	Refused on administrative grounds. Section: 15(1)(b) as a result of Section 12(1)(b).
149.	28 August 2018	Details regarding costs to RTÉ during its broadcast of the papal visit, containing a specific breakdown of: itemised list of the cost of sending reporters and technical crew to events in Dublin and Knock, including expenses. An itemised list of costs for any presenters, guests, or crew who appeared/worked at 'studio' sites to cover events for the papal visit, including expenses. The cost of hiring any companies to construct off-site studios or other such areas where outside broadcasts were made. The cost of hiring any equipment, vehicles, or other rented items used for broadcasts covering the papal visit.	Journalist	Granted.

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150.	30 August 2018	A list of the costs associated with Hope Solo being hired as a pundit during the World Cup 2018; include a detailed breakdown of individual costs, if any, for Ms Solo's travel, food, accommodation, etc.	Journalist	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b) and S. 37(1).
151.	3 September 2018	I am requesting records (if they exist) of payments/ payments in kind from Piaggio (the manufacturer of Vespa) or any of its agents or subsidiaries in Ireland to Ryan Tubridy over the course of 2018. I am making this request in response to photographs and an article that appeared in a September edition of the RTÉ Guide featuring Ryan Tubridy on a Vespa. Further to this I am seeking records (if they exist) of payments/payments in kind from Piaggio (manufacturer of Vespa) or any of its agents or subsidiaries in Ireland to the RTÉ Guide, arising from the same article.	Journalist	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) - no records exist.
152.	4 September 2018	Complaints received by RTÉ since the beginning of August 2018, related to its coverage of the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland.	Journalist	Granted.
153.	6 September 2018	Copies of all records created relating to a recent letter sent by TV3 to RTÉ complaining about the absence of TV3 stars from RTÉ.	Journalist	Granted.
154.	6 September 2018	Copies of all correspondence between RTÉ and the Tyrone County Board and/or representatives of the Tyrone Senior Football Team relating to their decision not to co-operate with RTÉ for the recent All-Ireland Football Final.	Journalist	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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155.	13 September 2018	Audio and video archive reported by RTE on 17 Feb 1993 and 19 Feb 1993 re the convictions and fines imposed on TSB Bank.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 2(1)(a) - Effective Date.
156.	17 September 2018	<p>1. What increases in benefits have been offered to pensioner members of the RTÉ Superannuation Scheme in the last ten years?</p> <p>2. Have any increases or benefits been offered in that time to any scheme members under the terms of provisions other than Regulation 85? (Regulation 85 concerns authorisation by the Minister for Finance)</p> <p>3. If so, in how many cases? What percentage increases applied?</p> <p>4. What percentage of scheme members have received no increase in pension since 2008?</p> <p>5. Have benefits - or a pension standstill - been universally applied to all members of the scheme in the last 10 years, without exception?</p> <p>6. Where, and if, there was an imparity of treatment, what law or regulation or resolution of the trustees permitted this? (I.e. does Regulation 85 totally determine all increases in benefits under the scheme? If not, under what terms have any increases been applied to individual pensions since 2008?).</p>	Member of the Public	<p>Outside the remit of Freedom of Information.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>

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157.	19 September 2018	Provide a copy of the most up to date RTÉ staff manual/handbook (document provided to staff detailing: Sick leave, Annual leave, Pay Grades, Staff Allowances, Expenses policy).	Member of the Public	Granted.
158.	19 September 2018	Provide the following: 1. Policy for reporters on foreign assignment (document that sets out what RTÉ will cover for journalists posted outside of Ireland to include: Travel expenses, Accommodation payments, Education for children, Medical Expenses). 2. Provide a list of positions covered by this policy e.g. Washington Correspondent, London Correspondent, Foreign Editor, and Northern Editor.	Member of the Public	Granted.
159.	24 September 2018	Provide a copy of the Public Tender or published notice/advertisement for the painting of 'The Late Late Toy Show' advertisement mural at the Poolbeg Lighthouse Wall; the project requirements, decision criteria for the awarding of the contract, and the basis on which the final tender award was made (e.g. most economically advantageous tender (MEAT)).	Member of the Public	Granted in Part. Sections: 15(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and (c).
160.	24 September 2018	Copy of a Report by the European Broadcast Union (in May 2017) of a 'Peer to Peer' review of RTÉ.	Journalist	Withdrawn.

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161.	26 September 2018	Copies of formal written complaints in 2018 for the following programmes: 'The Late Late Show', 'The Tommy Tiernan Show', 'Claire Byrne Live', 'The Six One News', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', 'The Young Offenders' and 'First Dates Ireland'.	Journalist.	Granted in part - Summary of Complaints.
162.	1 October 2018	1. How much money was spent by RTÉ in 2017 & 2018 on developing/producing Irish language content for website and TV. 2. The top ten highest paid salaries for staff* (broadcasters/newsreaders) within the RTÉ Newsroom & Radio Centre. <i>* staff who broadcast exclusively or predominantly through the Irish language</i>	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
163.	1 October 2018	1: Profits made by RTÉ, the National Concert Orchestra and DJ Jenny Greene from the 'Live in Concert' performances (from 2016 to Sept 2018). 2. Costs associated with producing these live performances over the same dates.	Journalist.	Granted in Part. Sections:15(1)(a); 36(1)(b) and (c).
164	1 October 2018	Complaints received by RTÉ from members of the public relating to coverage by RTÉ of the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry to Megan Markle.	Journalist.	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.

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165.	1 October 2018	Complaints received by RTÉ from members of the public relating to the coverage of Pope Francis's visit this summer.	Journalist.	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.
166.	4 October 2018.	<p>How much airtime was given to motoring industry-related advertising* on RTÉ Radio One in 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>The percentage of overall sponsorship and absolute value for motoring industry-related sponsorship on Radio One in 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>A summary of records of motoring industry-related sponsorship and commercial relationships with that industry declared by Radio One and RTÉ One presenters in the last three years</p> <p><i>(*motoring-related industry definition includes car manufacturers, the Automobile Association, Road Safety Authority of Ireland and car insurance companies. Advertising, sponsorship of programmes, weather forecasts, sports reports and traffic reports are included in definition of air-time).</i></p>	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a); 36(1)(b).
167.	10 October 2018	A copy of all correspondence to/among RTÉ management regarding the forthcoming Eurovision Song Contest to be hosted in Israel in 2019; Ireland's participation in the competition and arrangements for its televising.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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168.	11 October 2018	<p>Request for:</p> <p>Part 1. Disclosure of a payment to Mr. Sean Gallagher in settlement of a legal claim, related to “tweet-gate” (re. RTÉ’s coverage of 2011 presidential election. The financial terms of the settlement: disclosure of (1) the amount of the settlement paid to Mr. Gallagher, exclusive of legal costs, (2) the amount of any legal costs paid to Mr. Gallagher, and (3) the amount of any legal costs incurred by RTÉ for legal assistance received outside of its in-house legal team costs. Disclose if RTÉ’s own legal costs were part of any confidentiality agreement.</p> <p>Part 2. Policy regarding indemnification - provide any policy documents which outlines RTÉ’s policy regarding indemnification/potential indemnification of persons who partake in RTÉ programmes which are broadcast, where the statements of such persons may give rise to lawsuits against RTÉ (by indemnification is meant any undertaking by RTÉ to offer to pay any damages or legal costs related to a claim which might otherwise fall upon a person who partakes in a RTÉ broadcast).</p>	Member of the Public.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Sections: 15(1)(a), 35(1)(b), 36(1)(b) and (c), 37(1)(a).</p>

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169.	15 October 2018	The amount of money, if any, paid to Samantha Markle for her appearance on 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' on Saturday 13th October 2018. Any contract between RTÉ and Samantha Markle for her to appear on the show. Any rider or request made of RTÉ by Samantha Markle to facilitate her appearance on the show.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1) and Data Protection. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
170.	15 October 2018	Statistics on the amount of air time given to Men's GAA during the year of 2008, on radio and television.	Member of the Public	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.
171.	15 October 2018	Statistics on the amount of air time given to Men's GAA during the year of 2018, on radio and television.	Member of the Public	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.
172.	15 October 2018	Statistics on the amount of air time given to Women's GAA during the year of 2018, on radio and television.	Member of the Public	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.
173.	15 October 2018	Statistics on the amount of air time given to Women's GAA during the year of 2008, on radio and television.	Member of the Public	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.

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174.	16 October 2018	The number and names of people who travelled over to London as part of 'The Late Late Show' team. The cost of the following: flights and hotels and the name of the hotels stayed in by each member of the team travelling from RTÉ; production costs and stage costs; the cost to hire out Central Hall in Westminster; the cost of food and drink for the entire night including before and after the show; the total cost of guests on the night of the show; the cost of Ryan Tubridy's suit; the total cost of taxis for staff and guests; how much RTÉ paid to 'Applause Store' and Wardrobe costs for guests on the show.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a); 30(1)(c), 36(1)(b) and (c) Statutory Instrument SI 115.
175.	16 October 2018	Details of the total cost to RTÉ of broadcasting 'The Late Late Show' London Special (broadcast 12 October 2018). Break down of information as follows: 1. food costs, 2. cost of non-alcoholic beverages, 3. cost of alcoholic beverages, 4. cost of guests, 5. staging costs (lights, cameras, crew if applicable), 6. travel costs for staff and guests, 7. total cost of the episode.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a); 30(1)(c), 36(1)(b) and (c) Statutory Instrument SI 115.

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176.	18 October 2018	Request for public procurement contract award: in relation to awarding of Contract 16015 - Recruiting and Resourcing Services Frameworks [LOT 4 published 01.10.2018]: the tender submission of the winning tenderer; the tender submissions of the unsuccessful tenderers; details of the evaluation criteria, sub-criteria and scoring achieved by tenderers (under criteria and sub-criteria).	Business / Interest Group	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 35(1)(a) and (b) and 36(1)(b) and (c).
177.	19 October 2018	All records showing how much RTÉ decided to spend on hosting 'The Late Late Show' in London last week. Please include all records of actual spending incurred. 2. All correspondence with the ticketing company for the show in London. 3. A record of all the complaints made about the ticketing for the show and any internal records relating to this issue.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a); 30(1)(c), 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115.
178.	23 October 2018	The breakdown of the total cost of hosting 'The Late Late Show' in London on October 22, including the cost of the venue, the travel costs for RTÉ staff, any costs that were incurred by guests, the cost of hiring the company to supply the tickets for the show and any other related expenditure. A copy of any complaints made to RTÉ regarding the London show.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a); 30(1)(c), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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179.	23 October 2018	Complaints and feedback received by RTÉ related to its coverage of the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland since the beginning of August 2018.	Journalist	Granted in part - Summary of 'Feedback'. Sections:30(1)(a); 35(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
180.	23 October 2018	How much did it cost to stage 'The Late Late Show' in London earlier this month, including the cost of hire of venues, hotels costs and transports cost for equipment, staff and guests? How much did the drinks reception hosted before the event cost? How much was the firm paid who allocated tickets for the event?	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a); 30(1)(c), 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
181.	25 October 2018	Positive and negative feedback sent to RTÉ about RTÉ Player, between 1 October 2017 and 25 October 2018.	Journalist	Granted in part - Summary of 'Feedback'. Sections 30(1)(a) and (b); 35(1)(a).
182.	25 October 2018	Records containing feedback, including but not limited to phone calls, emails and letters, received by RTÉ concerning 'The Late Late Show' London Special broadcast on 12 October 2018.	Journalist	Granted in part - Summary of 'Feedback'. Sections 30(1)(a) and (b); 35(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
183.	30 October 2018	A copy of any declaration / register of interests made by presenters/employees of RTÉ.	Journalist	Withdrawn by requestor.

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184.	30 October 2018	'The Late Late Show' - London: the total cost of the production, to include all direct and indirect costs; the total number of staff used for the production; the cost of return travel from Ireland and the corresponding accommodation in London for all staff members and guests involved in the production.	Journalist	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
185.	30 October 2018	Information about RTÉ performance-related bonuses or pay increases sanctioned or paid every year since 2014 – to include amounts paid, criteria of eligibility, the number of staff who received such bonuses or increased payments and the amount of the bonuses or increment received by each staff member. If possible, it should also outline the level or role held by the staff members who received a performance related bonus or pay increase.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 37(1)(a).
186.		A copy of determinants which decide prioritisation, in terms of running order/importance of events, when reporting sports results on Sunday evening RTÉ News and Sport broadcasts. A copy of RTÉ policy and standards which determine evaluation of sporting events. A copy of original editorial notes, in respect of the evening RTÉ bulletins of 21st and 28th of October, 2018. A copy of RTÉ Broadcasting Policy in respect of Sports Broadcasting, as approved by the RTE Authority.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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187.	1 November 2018	Which guests have appeared on 'The Late Late Show' most since Ryan Tubridy began presenting? Request for the 'Top 30' and the number of times they have appeared; the cost of hotel accommodation and expenses for guests per season for the last five years and how much has been spent on the named top 10 spending hotels. Which guest had the most expensive accommodation paid for over this period, for how much and where.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
188.	7 November 2018	The individual sums spent by 'The Late Late Show', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' (TV), 'Prime Time', 'The Tommy Tiernan Show', 'Winning Streak', 'The Claire Byrne Show' on the following: total guest fees, 'Green Room' catering, wardrobe, hairdressing and make-up, transport costs (for guests, presenter etc.), for 2017 and to date in 2018.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
189.	8 November 2018	Was any payment (to include any expenses or charitable donations) made by RTÉ to Mr. Peter Casey, or any of his companies or representatives, prior to or after his appearance on 'The Late Late Show' of November 2nd 2018.	Member of the Oireachtas.	Granted – no payments made.

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190.	9 November 2018	In 2017 the amount of money budgeted by RTÉ for each episode of 'Fair City' (confirm how many episodes were filmed during this period). The total amount of money spent by RTÉ on filming 'Fair City' in 2017. A breakdown of the amounts spent on: taxi fares for cast and crew of the programme, hairdressing and make-up, wardrobe, hiring 'Extras' (i.e., background characters), and how many 'Extras' were hired during this period.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(b). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
191.	12 November 2018	A copy of all correspondence in relation to complaints, about 'The Late Late Show' and 'The Ray D'Arcy Show' from 1 January 2018 to 11 November 2018, and the response, if any, issued, from RTÉ.	Journalist	Granted in part – Summary of complaints. Sections: 35(1)(a); 30(1)(a) and (b), 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
192.	13 November 2018	1. A list of all payments made to RTE in relation to product placement in shows for 2016, 2017 and the first 9 months of 2018; include the product, the show it was in and how much RTÉ received. 2. The total cost of having research 'Exit Polls' carried out on behalf of RTÉ for the years, 2016, 2017, and the first 9 months of 2018.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b); 41(2)(b) and (n).
193.	14 November 2018	All actual, derived or projected information showing Audience Age Profile for "The Santa Clause" (broadcast 2 December 2017) - including but is not limited to any raw viewership data gathered by or on behalf of RTÉ and any analysis or review of that data.	Journalist	Granted.

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194.	14 November 2018	Copies (hard/soft format) of: any/all records (including drafts) generated by/held by RTÉ in respect of "IT Carlow" piece broadcast on RTÉ news between 6.30pm-6.36pm, 12/11/2018. Any/all records of communication/representation made to RTÉ, its employees and/or agents re. this from 1 September 2018 to date (George Lee (Agriculture and Environmental Correspondent) and named third parties). Any/all minutes of meetings/notes/telephone calls (inc. drafts/diary appointments relating to meetings and/or telephone calls) between any employee/agent of RTÉ and any other person in relation to this broadcast on RTÉ news. Any/all records (including drafts) relating to letters/reports/ correspondence sent/received by RTÉ (including persons listed above) in respect of this broadcast on RTÉ news between 6.30-6.36pm.	Business/ Interest Group	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
195.	16 November 2018	Copy of the "Peer Review" report by the EBU, prepared by members of the EBU in May 2017, and delivered to RTÉ in July 2018.	Member of the Public	Granted.

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196.	16 November 2018	<p>1. Cost of maintenance in RTÉ during 2016 and 2017, including gardening, cleaning, and painting.</p> <p>2. Cost of hairdressing, costume and make-up per episode of 1st & 2nd season of 'Striking Out'.</p> <p>3. Revenue earned from 'phone-ins' on 'The Late, Late Show' in 2017.</p> <p>4. Revenue earned from 'phone-ins' on 'Winning Streak' in 2017.</p> <p>5. Production costs for 'Winning Streak in 2017'.</p> <p>6. Cost of hairdressing and make-up for the RTÉ news bulletins 6pm and 9pm in 2017.</p>	Journalist	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Sections: 15(1)(a); 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b) and (c).</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>
197.	19 November 2018	<p>Ba mhaith liom iarratas faoi Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise a dhéanamh chun cóip a fháil den Tuairisc 'Peer-to-Peer review on PSM Values – RTÉ.'</p> <p>(Request a copy of the 'Peer-to-Peer Review on PSM Values - RTÉ Report').</p>	Business / Interest Group	Granted.

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198.	21 November 2018	<p>1. Wardrobe allowances given to presenters/or for clothes bought on behalf of presenters for years 2016, 2017 and 2018 for: Sharon Ní Bheolain, Caitriona Perry, Brian Dobson, Marty Whelan, Sinead Kennedy, Dáithí Ó Sé, Maura Derrane , Keelin Shanley, Mary Kennedy, Anne Cassin, Marty Morrissey, Nicky Byrne, Katherine Thomas, Eoghan McDermott, Ryan Tubridy, Ray D’Arcy, Áine Lawlor, Joe Duffy.</p> <p>2. The overall wardrobe allowance for the same years for the RTÉ Newsroom, Lifestyle and ‘Fair City’.</p>	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
200.	23 November 2018	Stormy Daniels' remuneration/fee for appearance/interview on ‘The Ray D’Arcy Show’, plus costs of: flights, wardrobe, hair stylist and make-up artist, accommodation (including hotel name and number of nights), the number in entourage, and transport and hospitality for both guest and entourage.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
202.	23 November 2018	<p>1. The cost of hairdressing, make-up and wardrobe for each of RTÉ’s weather presenters for the year 2017 and 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. The number of complaints the broadcaster has received for this year (2018 to date) about the weather and a breakdown/nature of the complaints?</p>	Journalist.	Granted.

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203.	23 November 2018	Copies of records in RTÉ dealing with the subject matter of 'Bogus Self Employment', and particularly any records relating to 'Bogus Self Employment' within RTÉ.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of Section 12(1)(b).
205.	26 November 2018	Copy of the new policy and guidelines RTÉ has produced for contractors, self employed and employees (link to article on RTÉ website in June 2018).	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 29(1)(a) and (b).
206.	26 November 2018	Copy of blank standard legal contract that RTÉ uses when contracting with individuals or companies for services to RTÉ on an ongoing basis (as opposed to employing these individuals or companies as employees with RTÉ and treating as employees for the purposes of PAYE and PRSI contributions).	Member of the Public	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a).

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207.	30 November 2018	Salary arrangements for RTÉ employees based in jurisdictions outside of Republic of Ireland? i.e. employee on RTÉ contract but based in Belfast (within jurisdiction of the United Kingdom). What currency is salary paid in and how is this figure determined? What arrangements are in place to compensate for exchange rate variations? What arrangements are in place to ensure arrangements are equal to colleagues based in ROI? Where is the employee liable for tax and what other allowances would an employee be eligible for, e.g. housing allowance, clothing allowance etc.	Member of the Public	Refused. Section 37(1).
208	3 December 2018	The costs surrounding 'Storm Ophelia' (October 16- 17, 2017), 'Storm Emma' and the 'Beast from the East' (end February-March) to RTÉ staff - costs for taxis and hotels and number of staff who had to avail of taxis and hotels for each of these storms.	Journalist.	Refused on administrative grounds. Sections: 15(1)(a) and (c).
210.	12 December 2018	Request for cost to RTÉ of hosting 'The Late Late Show in London' i.e. provide details of some costs such as travel/hotels,	Journalist.	Granted.
212.	13 December 2018	Records of the cost to RTÉ of the new 'Fair City' set - both construction costs and labour costs. What was the total cost to RTÉ or the taxpayer for building it.	Journalist.	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a).

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214.	18 December 2018	The costs to RTÉ of constructing the new 'Fair City' set: breakdown of payments made to named third parties concerning the construction of the set and what service/materials the third parties provided. The time period of construction and the numbers involved in the construction project.	Journalist.	Refused on administrative grounds. Section 15(1)(a).