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FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
64.	29.05.2019	<p>All emails and memos:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To/from Dee Forbes, Michael Kealy and Rory Coveney that discuss Eurovision and 'Palestine' and/or 'Palestinian' from 12/05/18 to 30/04/19. 2. To/from Dee Forbes, Michael Kealy and Rory Coveney that discuss Eurovision and 'protest' and/or 'boycott' from 12/05/18 to 30/04/19. 3. To/from Michael Kealy that discuss 'Sarah McTernan' from 12/05/18 to 30/04/19. 4. All emails between Michael Kealy and Sarah McTernan from 12/05/17 to 30/04/19. 5. All emails between Michael Kealy and greig.watts@btinternet.com and/or DWB Music Limited from 12/05/17 to 30/04/19. 	Member of the public	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(h).</p>
81.	04.06.2019	<p>From 1 Jan 2018 to date, copies of all guest lists for the following shows 'The Late Debate', 'Morning Ireland', 'The Late Late Show', 'Prime Time', 'Today with Sean O'Rourke', 'Drive Time', 'This Week', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show'.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(d).</p>

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85.	11.06.2019	<p>1. All formal complaints received by RTÉ over its coverage of Donald Trump's visit to Ireland.</p> <p>2. The feedback sent to RTÉ over its coverage of Donald Trump's visit to Ireland.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>
86.	17.06.2019	<p>From 1 May-15 June 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 Eurovision 2019 being hosted in Israel.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).</p> <p>Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.</p>
87.	20.06.2019	<p>Copies of the Annual P35 filed by RTÉ with Revenue Commissioners for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.</p>	Member of the public.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 37(1).</p>
88.	20.06.2019	<p>Copies of communications between RTÉ and Department of Social Protection and Revenue Commissioners whereby RTÉ gave notice that it had been misclassifying as 'self-employed contractors' persons engaged in work for/with RTÉ, who should have been classified as employees.</p>	Member of the public.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(a).</p>

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89.	20.06.2019	Copies of all correspondence and records relating to correspondence between the requestor and Mr Philip Boucher Hayes and the Editor of RTÉ 'Drivetime' since 1 November 2018 to 20 June 2019; Records to include any / all related internal RTÉ documents such as emails, memorandums and notes of relevant meetings, at which the requestor's correspondence was discussed.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(g).
90.	20.06.2019	Between 31 October, 2018 and 1 June 2019, all documents including memos, reports and correspondence between RTÉ and 'Galway 2020' (or their representatives) pertaining to RTÉ's partnership with 'Galway 2020'.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a); 30(1)(c); 35(1)(a); 36(1)(a), (b) and (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.
91.	24.06.2019	From 2012 to date, records relating to any submissions from political parties regarding partiality and bias in political reporting and commentary on RTÉ.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(a); 37(1). Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.
92.	24.06.2019	All records relating to correspondence dated 10 June 2009 from Ciaran Conlon, on behalf of Fine Gael, which was " <i>circulated to key editorial staff of RTÉ</i> ".	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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93.	26.06.2019	All correspondence between political parties/independents and RTÉ's Election Steering Group during 2019. Access to any minutes or memos of meetings between political parties/independents and the RTÉ Election Steering Group during 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.
94.	01.07.2019	Cost of running the RTÉ Crèche facility in the 12 months of 2018, or, in the alternative, (a) the gross cost of running the crèche in 2018 split by property costs, manpower costs and other costs (b) total contributions by users of the facility to the gross cost of the facility.	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
95.	01.07.2019	Any correspondence or submissions RTÉ have made to the National Transport Authority in relation to the 'BusConnects' plan.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a)
96.	01.07.2019	How many times Laois Gaelic footballers and hurlers appeared on live TV and Radio coverage over the last 10 years. A list of how many times each county appeared on live radio and TV coverage over the last ten years (ie. the number of matches the 32 counties of Ireland played live on TV in the last ten years).	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a) and (c).

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97.	03.07.2019	If Nicky Byrne is on the pay-roll in RTÉ while he is away from 2FM and RTÉ One with 'Westlife'?	Journalist.	Granted.
98.	04.07.2019	A breakdown of any financial contribution that was made by RTÉ towards renovating each home that featured in the 2018 series of 'Room to Improve'; also specific details on how much money may have been contributed towards renovating the presenter's home, which was the subject of one of the episodes.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
99.	05.07.2019	All records relating to Marty Whelan's trip to Jerusalem while in the State of Israel for The Eurovision Song Content in May 2019. Records could include/not limited to: minutes of meetings or notes of phone calls where this visit was discussed/approved; full itineraries for the visit; information about purpose of visit; information about who funded the visit (whether it was RTÉ, the EBU, Israeli Public Broadcaster KAN, Israeli Tourism Ministry or Marty Whelan himself etc.). Any other relevant information or records.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
100.	09.07.2019	'Rose of Tralee' expenditure information from the last five years.	Member of the public.	Withdrawn.

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101.	15.07.2019	Copies of all complaints received by RTÉ about any of its televised weather broadcasts in 2018 and so far in 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Summary of 'feedback'. Sections: 15(1)(a); 35(1)(a); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
102.	15.07.2019	1) Cost to RTÉ of The Eurovision Song Contest 2017 final in Kiev, or, in the alternative the total cost to RTÉ split by (a) air travel costs (b) accommodation (c) design, set pieces, props and lighting (d) contribution to the European Broadcasting Union (d) food and subsistence (e) parking, taxis and tolls (f) representation bill (g) internal cost of RTÉ staff assigned to the event (h) any other cost. 2.) Records re cost to RTÉ of The Eurovision Song Contest 2019 final in Tel Aviv, or, in the alternative, analysis of the €336,617 reportedly spent showing the general cost headings.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
103.	17.07.2019	A list of external agencies used by RTÉ for the years 2016-2019, specifying the ones currently hired. A breakdown of how much is paid to each of these agencies per year.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(b) as a result of 12(1)(b).
104.	19.07.2019	The amount of RTÉ revenue generated from premium rate text services every year (2014 to July 2019). 2) Details of RTÉ travel costs for overseas staff every year	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b) and (c).

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	(2015 to July 2019).		Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
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105.	19.07.2019	A breakdown of all expenditure associated with having guests appear on 'The Late Late Show' for the years 2016 to 2019 inclusive. 2) A breakdown of expenditure associated with audience hospitality for 'The Late Late Show' from 2016 to 2019 inclusive.	Journalist.	Granted.
106.	22.07.2019	Between 1 January 2008 and 19 July 2019, records for all legal cases taken against RTÉ in which the judge ruled in favour of the plaintiff, as well as the records for all settlements and out of court settlements RTÉ made in this same period.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 31(1)(a); 37(1).
107.	22.07.2019	The number of legal correspondences received by the 'Marian Finucane Show' from legal representatives of government departments, ministers, TDs, senators, state bodies, county councils, or county councillors. Details of the sender of each and the person they represented (timeframe 1 January 1 to 22 July 2019).	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
108.	23.07.2019	All records pertaining to my complaint regarding AA Roadwatch: internal RTÉ records, communications within RTÉ (however held); communications between RTÉ and the BAI; communications between RTÉ and any other party where those records pertain to: my complaint & subsequent request for a review of the response to that complaint; my referral of the complaint to the BAI; their processing of	Journalist	Refused. Sections: S. 29(1)(a) & (b); 30(1)(a) & (c); 32(1)(a)(ii).

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109.	24.07.2019	Records, including memos, emails, text messages, instant messaging or other communications or recorded material, whether in writing (electronic, paper or otherwise) or any other medium, which relate to the decision to postpone, defer or otherwise not to broadcast the programme entitled "Unquiet Graves" on 30.07.2019.	Business/Interest Group.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
110.	30.07.2019	Request for access to all footage featuring a named member of the public; how much footage was taken; where and how is this footage stored and who has access to this footage and when will it be deleted?	Member of the public.	Withdrawn.
111.	31.07.2019	The amount paid by 'The Late Late Show' to guests from the start of the current season to date. The highest amounts received by the top five guests. The number of shows covered by the period in question, and number of guests to have received payment. The same information for: 'The Tommy Tiernan Show, 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', 'Prime Time' and 'The Cutting Edge'.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
112.	06.08.2019	A copy of all inspection reports, records/other related doc including invoices, received from pest-control services re. work carried out at RTÉ site (studios, offices, other buildings/locations) in Dublin during 2018 and first six months of 2019. Record of total money spent on pest-control services in 2018 and first six months of 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1).

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113.	07.08.2019	Total costs of personal injury compensation cases taken against RTÉ concerning accidents at work, by employees of RTÉ. The total cost of such payments for 2017, 2018 and to date for 2019 and a breakdown of the awards into separate cases (details of each case and sum of each individual award).	Journalist.	Granted.
114.	08.08.2019	Copies of all RTÉ Board/governing authority minutes of meetings since 1 January 2016 to date.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) & (b); 30(1)(a) & (b) & (c); 36(1)(b) & (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
115.	13.08.2019	All notes, memos, correspondence, messages (internal and external) in relation to live broadcasts of Supreme Court proceedings from 1 October 2017 to the 31 July 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
116.	26.08.2019	Re. Marian Finucane Show (broadcast 6 July 2019): all texts to RTÉ Radio 1 re. interview with the CEO of GMI.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
117.	21.08.2019	Records/details of addresses/locations for each vacant building or site currently managed or owned by RTÉ; the length of time each RTÉ site has been vacant; size of each of these sites (in sq m or hectares) managed or owned by RTÉ.	Journalist.	Granted.

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118.	21.08.2019	“Records in RTÉ, which underpin of substantiate a claim made by RTÉ Internal Reviewer, Eleanor Bleahene, in a letter (to the requestor) that there are workers who are forced by an employer to declare themselves as self employed rather than employees. Specific wording used by Ms. Bleahene is as follows: 'the term 'bogus' self employed arrangements arise where workers are forced by an employer to declare themselves a self-employed rather than employees”.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
119.	21.08.2019	Copies of records recording discussions of the need to seek legal advice and seeking/receiving of legal advice concerning whether RTÉ has an obligation to make a statement to the Garda Siochana under Section 19 of the Criminal Justice Act 2011, in relation to information it has as regards fraud in the use of what RTÉ calls 'bogus self-employment contracts'.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
120.	23.08.2019	Memoranda/correspondence created or received between 1 May-23 August 2019 by members of management where the keywords and phrases 'Netflix' and 'RTÉ finances' appear in the record.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
121.	30.08.2019	From 1 January 2015 to date: copy of all records relating to the decisions both to establish the RTÉ Concert Orchestra Library Project, and additionally to suspend the RTÉ Concert Orchestra Library Project, prior to completion.	Staff.	Granted.
122.	02.09.2019	A breakdown of all costs associated with the 2019, 2018 and 2017 RTÉ Autumn Schedule launches.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).

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123.	09.09.2019	Records created after 3 May 2018 which show why Sky still does not have RTÉ2+1.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(c); 36(b) and (c); 37(1).
124.	11.09.2019	Copy of the Memorandum of Understanding between RTÉ and 'Galway 2020' in relation to the European Capital of Culture.	Journalist.	Granted.
125.	11.09.2019	Provide all correspondence from viewers about 'The Sunday Game' and 'The Sunday Game Live' programmes in 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.