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126.	12.09.2019	How many salaries in RTÉ are over €100,000 per annum? What are the job titles for these salaries. How many hours of independent programming have been commissioned by RTÉ for 2018 and to date in 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
127.	18.09.2019	Records pertaining to the contractual agreement between RTÉ and Bord na gCon, dated June 2018, including a copy of contract.	Journalist.	Section 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
128.	19.09.2019	RTÉ's 'Truth Matters' campaign: the total amount paid for production & distribution of the advertisement (with breakdown of each).	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(a) and (b).
129.	23.09.2019	Records created after 1 January 2018 of the total amount invoiced by KPMG to RTÉ, including its group companies, for 2018 and year-to-date 2019 (what fees were payable to KPMG in respect of work carried out for RTÉ (and group companies)).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
130.	23.09.2019	'Today with Maura and Dáithí' – for the last 2 seasons; 1. cost of new set. 2. total cost of fees for guests on the show; 3. cost of Maura Derrane & Dáithí O'Sé's wardrobe; 4. cost for hair and make up for Dáithí and Maura; 5. cost of transport to their Cork office, including a breakdown of taxis and trains for guests on the show.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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131.	23.09.2019	GAA: How many times Dublin senior footballers played on live broadcasts between 2010 and 2019. A comparison of these appearances to the next top 5 teams that appeared on live broadcasts.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
132.	25.09.2019	Re. RTÉ guests and staff travelling to Ireland's first match of the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan: the cost of flights to and from Japan per person; ticket type and cost; other travel expenses incurred by RTÉ including but not limited to; taxis, airport transfers, airport parking; details of any contra deal/cost neutral arrangement between RTÉ and third parties to facilitate travel/accommodation re. RTÉ employees and guests; cost and details of accommodation/dining arrangements/restaurants/bars; details of 'per diem'/allowance to RTÉ staff members and/or guests; correspondence about trip between travelling RTÉ employees and correspondence about trip between RTÉ representatives and guests who travelled.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(a), (b) and (c); 37(1).

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133.	23.09.2019	<p>Copies of communications and meetings of minutes between RTÉ and Dept. of Communications about RTÉ 2fm and RTE Lyric fm in relation to proposed changes in the services, programme output or commitments to the RTÉ Public Service Statement in the past 12 months.</p> <p>A copy of salary scales in operation within RTÉ, covering all disciplines and managers.</p> <p>Information on 'ONERTÉ ethos' (ie, statement of purpose, briefing material, etc).</p> <p>Copies of all correspondence (including emails) to and from RTÉ Director General and Head of News in relation to reopening the RTÉ London office since January 1, 2018. A copy of the estimate costs involved in establishing a new RTE London office. The budgeted ongoing costs of running the new London office (including rents, salaries, expenses etc.) and how this compares to the costs during the time of Fiona Mitchell, the previous London correspondent. The total number of staff who will be employed in the new RTÉ London office and information on their roles, and whether they are staff or freelance.</p> <p>Information on the job description of RTÉ London correspondent Sean Whelan and that of his predecessor Fiona Mitchell. Emails between news editors, the Managing Director of News and relevant personnel in RTÉ regarding the London office since January 1, 2018.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(a).</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>

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134.	25.09.2019	All internal memos/emails created or received by management/minutes of internal meetings between management officials regarding RTÉ executives travelling to the Rugby World Cup in Japan, dated between 01 June 2019 and the current date.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
135.	26.09.2019	A copy of all feedback (positive and negative) sent to RTÉ regarding Sinead O'Connor's performance on 'The Late Late Show' in September 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
136.	27.09.2019	A breakdown of RTÉ expenditure (each year) between 2014 and 2018 for 'The Late Late Toy Show' for "One for Everyone in the Audience" segments.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
137.	30.09.2019	A copy of all correspondences, reports, reviews, memos, etc. relating to Japanese Knotweed on RTÉ sites, from 2015 until the end of August 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
138.	30.09.2019	Records personal to requestor.	Member of the public.	Granted.

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139.	01.10.2019	Greg O'Shea's fee to temporarily present on 2fm with Doireann Garrihy and the cost of putting the 'Breakfast Show' on RTÉ Player.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections:36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
140.	01.10.2019	The cost of sending RTÉ executives to Japan for the Rugby World Cup for five days, the class/cost for flights, taxi costs and accommodation (including the name of hotel); names of individuals who travelled/their role within RTÉ; total cost of tickets to the Rugby World Cup and what game they attended.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(c); 37(1).
141.	03.10.2019	A breakdown of donations to RTÉ each year between 2014 and 2018 for 'The Late Late Toy Show' for "One for Everyone in the Audience" segments.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
142.	07.10.2019	Quote or tender submission submitted by the company awarded a contract for set building/construction of the following projects: 1. 'Fair City's' Hungry Pig Flat - provide most recent winning tender or quote prior to 2019. 2. 'Fair City's' <i>Number 41</i> set - please provide the most recent winning tender or quote prior to 2019. 3. The RTÉ exhibition stand for 'The Ploughing Championships' for both 2018 and 2019. 4. 'The Rose of Tralee' stage and set for 2018 and 2019.	Business / Interest Group.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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143.	07.10.2019	All internal memos/emails/minutes/agenda of internal meetings between RTÉ management officials regarding the decision by RTÉ to sell five paintings at auction in England, dated between 20 September 2019 and the current date.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(c).
144.	09.10.2019	Records concerning the decision to sell five paintings from the station's collection at Sotheby's.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(c).
145.	09.10.2019	The number of complaints to be received by RTÉ concerning RTÉ's coverage of 'Storm Lorenzo'. Copies of complaints sent to RTÉ concerning coverage and replies from RTÉ to those who complained (from September 30th to date).	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
146.	10.10.2019	All correspondence from members of the public and public bodies to RTÉ regarding 'Storm Lorenzo' dated between 30th September and 10th October 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
147.	10.10.2019	Documents regarding payments received from RTÉ by 'The Sunday Game' panel members Joe Brolly and Derek McGrath, for featuring on the programme throughout the 2019 inter county GAA season.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c), 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
148.	14.10.2019	Minutes of RTÉ Board meeting during which Bryan Dobson made a presentation (which was referenced in yesterday's Sunday Times).	Staff.	Granted.

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149.	15.10.2019	The amount of money spent on the travel, accommodation expenses and any other payment associated with Jamie Bryson's appearance on 'Claire Byrne Live' on Monday October 14, 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
150.	15.10.2019	The total cost incurred by RTÉ and/or 'Claire Byrne Live' Show on Monday 14th October 2019 to cover the appearance of Jamie Bryson who spoke on the show; such costs to include any travel, hotel or appearance payments.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
151.	16.10.2019	Information with regard to RTÉ2+1 being broadcast on the Sky platform (any related information in the possession of RTÉ dated between the period Feb 7, 2019 and Oct 15, 2019).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
152.	17.10.2019	A copy of the correspondence exchanged between Tusla and RTÉ from July 2019 to present. Specifically requesting the correspondence relating to the 'RTÉ Investigates' programme - 'Crèches Behind Closed Doors' (in hard copy form).	Business/Interest Group.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
153.	18.10.2019	All complaints made by RTÉ staff in relation to bullying over the last 10 years.	Journalist.	Granted.

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154.	23.10.2019	RTÉ Board minutes where issues of self employment contracts and workers rights within RTÉ were raised by Patricia King between June 21st, 2005 and December 31st, 2008 (the period when Ms King was on the RTE Authority.)	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
155.	23.10.2019	Records created after 1 January 2018 relating to the hire by RTÉ (and its subsidiaries) of its premises to third parties: a list of names of individuals and entities who hired RTÉ premises since 1 January 2018; what specific parts of the RTÉ site were hired and how much was paid for hire.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
156.	29.10.2019	The amount of revenue RTÉ generated from premium rate text services from 2014 to date. The amount of revenue generated from premium rate text services organised by <i>each RTÉ show</i> from 2018 to date.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(b). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
157.	29.10.2019	From 15 September-29 October 2019 all correspondence sent to RTÉ about reports that Lyric FM's future was in doubt as part of cost cutting measures,	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
158.	29.10.2019	Any correspondence to or from the Director General in relation to the sale of art works owned by RTÉ from 2018 until present.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
159.	29.10.2019	Provide all correspondence from viewers about the Rugby World Cup 2019 coverage on RTÉ television and the RTÉ Player.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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161.	29.10.2019	The dates of RTÉ Board meetings July of this year; if those meetings were attended by its chair, Ms Moya Doherty; what is listed on the official diary of the chair of the Board of RTÉ since July of this year; what is RTÉ policy for communications addressed to the Chair of Board; what is the remuneration of the Chair of the RTÉ Board.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(d); 29(1)(a) and (B); 30(1)(b) and (c).
162.	30.10.2019	Complaints sent to RTÉ by members of the public about the RTÉ Player from 1 January to 29 October 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
163	01.11.2019	From 1st May 2019 to date, correspondence between RTÉ management & staff discussing Ireland's performance & disqualification in Eurovision 2019 (to include discussions of Ireland's performance/plans for Eurovision 2020). All correspondence between RTÉ management & staff discussing concerns/difficulties over Eurovision 2019 being hosted in Israel. Any correspondence received by RTÉ re. Eurovision 2019 being hosting in Israel and all correspondence from members of the public re. Eurovision 2019 & Ireland's performance.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
164.	04.11.2019	Any complaints received by RTÉ regarding the decision to sell the Louis le Brocquy and other paintings. Any internal documentation, memos or correspondence that led to the decision to sell off the art works.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(c); 35(1)(a) and (b), 36(1)(a), (b) and (c), S. 37(1).

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165.	05.11.2019	From 2015 to date the monetary amount of cash prizes awarded on RTÉ's 'Winning Streak' per episode and the euro value of the cars and holidays awarded per episode.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
166.	05.11.2019	The total euro cost of operating Aertel from 2013 to 2018, including total paid out in salaries and general operating costs.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 35(1)(b); 37(1).
167.	08.11.2019	Records showing how many RTÉ managers/contributors joined a scheme to avoid the €2m+ plus pension pot taxes. Records showing how much RTÉ has paid these managers in allowances since 2016. All copies of the Remuneration Committee's minutes dealing with the establishment of this scheme and its running.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
168.	08.11.2019	Re. RTÉ PULSE: the cost to run the station each year and how much do the presenters salaries amount to; how many of the roles contributed to the 200 staff job losses RTÉ announced this week. How many people involved were included in that figure and how many staff does RTÉ PULSE have.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 30(1)(b); 36(1)(a) and (c), S. 37(1).
169.	08.11.2019	All records including, but not limited to, briefings, synopses and correspondence detailing complaints made by members of the public about RTÉ Player from 1 May to 8 November 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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170.	08.11.2019	Records relating to the cost of 'Green Room' entertainment provided to guests, with a breakdown in relation to 'The Late, Late Show' and 'The Ray D'Arcy show', during 2019; provide a breakdown of how much was spent on alcohol, soft drinks and beverages for each show; if catering is done 'in house' or contracted out and how many shows were included in this figure.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
171.	11.11.2019	All correspondence exchanged between RTÉ and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment regarding (a) planned cost-savings, redundancies and restructuring at RTÉ, (b) restructuring of the TV licence fee and (c) the collection of the licence fee. A copy of any internal correspondence within RTÉ on same subjects by officials above the equivalent civil service grade of principal officer (correspondence should include all correspondence or communications, sent by email, text message, WhatsApp, letter or any other format, between January 1, 2019 and November 8, 2019).	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: S. 29 (a) and (b); 30(b) and (c); 36(b) and (c); S. 37(1).
172.	11.11.2019	A list of the current salary scales for each grade of RTÉ employee.	Member of the public.	Granted.
173.	11.11.2019	How much money was spent on taxis for guests and staff from 2018 to date - split into guests and staff, broken down by month and what show the staff member/guest was associated with.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).

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174.	11.11.2019	Access the document or documents provided to the RTÉ Board and/or RTÉ Executive relating to the recent review of all aspects of RTÉ operations that relate specifically to Raidio Na Gaeltachta.	Staff.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
175.	11.11.2019	Salary scales for all grades in RTÉ.	Staff.	Granted.
176.	12.11.2019	All copies of internal correspondence among the RTÉ Executive Board between 28 October-7 November 2019 regarding the announcement, and its subsequent delay, of proposed cuts at the broadcaster. Requesting copies of all correspondence between members of the RTÉ Executive Board and members of the RTÉ Board regarding the proposed cuts between the same dates.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
177.	12.11.2019	Copies of minutes and meeting notes of all RTÉ Board meetings and all RTÉ Executive Board meetings this year where proposed cuts at the broadcaster were discussed.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: S. 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(b) and (c); 36(1)(b) and (c).
178.	12.11.2019	Record of salary scales for role of reporter in RTÉ News and Current Affairs and/or RTÉ Radio 1.	Staff.	Granted.
179.	13.11.2019	From January 2017-to date: a copy of all correspondence sent and received by, or on behalf of, the RTÉ DG and the Department of Communications/Minister for Communications and any other Government department/minister on the subject of the television licence fee.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: S. 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(c); 36(1)(b) and (c);37(1).

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180.	14.11.2019	A list of competitions/awards entered by RTÉ since January 2015 (e.g. broadcasting, podcasting, marketing awards/ competitions etc). The amount RTÉ spent on entering award ceremonies/competitions and the outcome of the competitions/awards entered.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
181.	14.11.2019	The report into and all internal/external correspondence regarding RTÉ's investigation into the possibility of relocating Lyric FM to the University of Limerick. Complaints received by RTÉ mentioning Lyric FM since August 2019 and the cost associated with investigating a possible relocation of Lyric FM to the University.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 29(1), 36(1)(b); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
183.	20.11.2019	A schedule of all transmissions on RTÉ radio channels between 28th October and 15th November 2019 which were produced, commissioned, or broadcast by RTÉ (whether they were programmes in their own right or promo segments, and which referred to both 'climate change' & meat consumption).	Member of the public.	Withdrawn.
184.	20.11.2019	How much money was spent on the 2017 and 2018 'Late Late Toy Shows'.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
185.	20.11.2019	Any correspondence between officials from RTÉ and officials from the University of Limerick in 2019 regarding a proposal to move Lyric FM's studio to the university's campus; also requesting the release of any cost benefit analyses carried out by RTÉ regarding this.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1); 36(1)(b); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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186.	20.11.2019	All correspondence between staff members of RTÉ and Mr John Bercow regarding his appearance on 'The Late Late Show' on 11th October this year, including booking enquiries, expense details and topics for discussion on the night. Correspondence between RTÉ staff members regarding the editorial guidelines/notes for 'The Late Late Show' interview.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
187.	21.11.2019	Records of information personal to requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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188.	21.11.2019	<p>a. Names of toy distributors/wholesalers facilitating RTE's 'Late Late Toy Show' in identification, selection and/or other decision making re. toys selected for inclusion/featuring on 2019 show;</p> <p>b. Agreement, protocol/other conditions that inform relationship between show producers & toy distributors/wholesalers;</p> <p>c. ethical/other guidelines laid down by RTÉ (consistent with RTÉ charter) to guide behaviour of toy distributors/wholesalers working with show producers;</p> <p>d. guidelines agreed between RTÉ 'Late Late' production staff/executive staff at RTÉ re. responsibilities of toy distributors/wholesalers for:</p> <p>i. Transparency in procedures used to select toys to be featured;</p> <p>ii. Transparency in reporting financial transactions between toy distributors/wholesalers/manufacturers in the context of process leading to selection of toys/other items to be featured in show;</p> <p>iii. records of financial arrangements between toy manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and retailers and RTÉ, re. selecting items to be featured.</p>	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
189.	21.11.2019	All details/emails/memos relating to booking the former Commons Speaker John Bercow by 'The Late Late Show' recently. Specifically, I am looking for any specified terms demanded by Mr Bercow prior to his appearance.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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190.	22.11.2019	Records held in any database or other organised data storage and retrieval system, in any format, that records the participation or requested participation of particular individuals, or individuals representing particular organisations, on RTÉ news, discussion or current affairs programmes.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
194.	25.11.2019	Request a digital copy of an episode of The Loft' (RTÉ produced series for children), aired 1st October 2006 at 9.30am.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of FOI process.
195.	25.11.2019	Any correspondence between RTÉ Archive Sales and Ms. Gemma O'Doherty from 2015 to present. Any correspondence between Director General Dee Forbes, and Ms. O'Doherty from 2016 to date.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(c) and (c); 37(1).
196.	25.11.2019	Provide all correspondence from the public to date in 2019 related to the RTÉ Player.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
198.	26.11.2019	Re: Mr. George Hamilton, Sports Commentator: 1) Foreign travel and accommodation expenses for Mr. Hamilton over the last 12 months to end Nov.2019. 2) Type and location of accommodation with relevant dates. 3) Form of transport utilised e.g. Flights, Rail, Bus and Taxis. 4) The actual number of days abroad. 5) The sporting event covered, when it took place and the location. 5) Foreign travel and accommodation budget for Mr. Hamilton for 2020.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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199.	28.11.2019	A re-release of RTÉ Freedom of Information request (Ref. FOI 2019 – 45) re. listenership data of all five digital radio stations.	Journalist.	Granted.
200.	28.11.2019	Records of all emails and correspondence between the RTÉ 'Late Late Show' office and Peter Fitzpatrick TD from 1 September to 27 November 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
202.	29.11.2019	1) How much did RTÉ pay for the collection of poetry by Joseph Mary-Plunkett to give to Rod Stewart on 'The Late Late Show' earlier this year. 2) How much did RTÉ pay for the signed copy of Seamus Heaney's poetry to give to Joe Schmidt on 'The Late Late Show'? 3) A list of the names of guests that have received a gift while on 'The Late Late Show' in 2017, 2018 and 2019. 4) a breakdown of these gifts 5) What price RTÉ paid for them. 6) The annual cost of Ryan Tubridy's wardrobe including suit, shirt, ties and shoes for The Late Late Show'. 7) A list of brands Mr Tubridy wears.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
203.	02.12.2019	Does RTÉ receive revenue from private health insurance companies in return for RTÉ news bulletins that 'paint' the Health Service Executive in a negative light? (News bulletins on any platform e.g. TV/Radio/Website etc).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
204.	02.12.2019	From 1 May 2017 to date: copies of all written and/or electronic communications between RTÉ DG & RTÉ Board & University of Limerick President Des Fitzgerald about RTÉ considering offer to relocate RTÉ Lyric FM to UL campus; requesting email copies of the information sought, and include all financial details (including RTÉ cost analysis plans) re. proposal.	Journalist.	Granted in part Sections: 15(1)(a); 29(1); 36(1)(b).

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205.	03.12.2019	Records personal to requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
207.	09.12.2019	Re-release of RTÉ Freedom of Information request (Ref. RTÉ FOI 2019 – 96).	Journalist.	Granted.
214.	13.12.2019	Whether RTÉ collects statistical data on user satisfaction of the RTÉ Player - provide figures on user satisfaction.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).