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35.	06.04.2020	Copies of any guidelines issued to staff of RTÉ on how to observe social distancing and keep safe during the COVID-19 crisis while still carrying out their public service work.	Journalist.	Granted.
36.	09.04.2020	Records from RTÉ of the name of the commissioning editor for the article entitled " <i>Special Report: Lessons from Wuhan</i> "; the name of the author who wrote the article; a record of the email exchange between the commissioning editor and the author, limited to the commissioning of this article.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Schedule 3:1 & 4).
37.	14.04.2020	The release of any general correspondence circulated to staff within the company, including freelance staff, informing them of planned working arrangements while Covid-19 restrictions remain in place. My request includes, but is not limited to, guidance on essential workers, working from home and temporary lay-offs while restrictions are in place.	Journalist.	Granted.
38.	17.04.2020	1. The project for the development of a new logo for the RTÉ Concert Orchestra: a. The cost associated with the new RTÉ Concert Orchestra; b. Emails, reports and consultations within RTÉ about the new Concert Orchestra logo (all project documentation between RTÉ and their suppliers). c. Documents and communication from the RTÉ CO to relevant RTÉ staff members about the new logo. d. Any details that were given to both the board and the executive board of RTÉ about the new RTÉ CO logo. e. emails from any of the Board and Executive members in relation to the new RTÉ CO logo. 2. The cost of music license for RTÉ 2fm and RTÉ Lyric fm (rights and associated costs).	Member of the Public.	Refused. Sections: 29; 36(1)(b) and (c).

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39.	20.04.2020	For January to March 2020 (incl): the number of loan applications submitted to the RTÉ Credit Union and the total value of loans requested. The number of loan applications approved by the RTÉ Credit Union and the total value of loans approved. The number of loan applications rejected by the RTÉ Credit Union and the total value of loans rejected. The current number of member accounts currently active in the RTÉ Credit Union and the total value of member shares. The number of loans and total value of loan accounts currently active with RTÉ Credit Union. The total number of loan accounts currently in arrears and the value of loan arrears with RTÉ Credit Union.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). RTÉ Credit Union separate legal entity.
40.	28.04.2020	All records (minutes, memoranda, correspondence, attachments) relating to the RTÉ Defined Benefit Pension Scheme of the Audit Subcommittee of the RTÉ Authority (subsequently the RTÉ Board) for the years 2008 to 2010.	Member of the public.	Granted.

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41.	08.05.2020	<p>All records including emails and minutes of meetings covering the internal and external communications about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hairdressing Services from January to 8 May 2020. • Make-up Services from January to 8 May 2020. <p>This includes: documentation and invoicing for the running of the Hairdressing and Makeup Services for RTE productions, including its live shows, news bulletins; Tender documents for these contracts.</p> <p>Communications about COVID19 practises in RTÉ related to Hairdressing & Make-up Services which were communicated to RTÉ broadcasters, presenters, contractors or those associated with work in RTÉ.</p> <p>Communications on how RTÉ broadcasters, presenters, contractors or those associated with work in RTÉ should continue to style/groom/colour/cut/blowdry their hair or apply their make-up.</p>	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
42.	12.05.2020	All 'Feedback' received since April 1, 2020, to present concerning the show 'Normal People'.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Schedule 3 (5)).

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43.	12.05.2020	Records including, but not limited to: the costs of the broadcast by RTÉ for the Government on May 1st 2020. All records relating to the tender for this contract. All records relating to third party costs for this production, including, but not limited to 'Cine Electric'. All records relating to correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach or any other department and RTÉ to arrange this broadcast: Further request records relating to: all costs paid by the Government to RTÉ for broadcasts since March 1st 2020; all details of costs of broadcasts for the Department of the Taoiseach for years 2018, 2019 and 2020.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Schedule 3 (1), (2) and (4)).
44.	20.05.2020	Complaints received by RTÉ about the TV series 'Normal People' from the start of April to current date (send the complaints in full).	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15 (1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Schedule 3(5)).
45.	21.05.2020	Data or information relating to the removal of RTÉ content from videos posted by the following Youtube channels (4 links provided).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of Section 12(1)(b).

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46.	26.05.2020	<p>At year end and at end of 2019: No. of staff/PAYE workers at RTÉ earning salaries/remuneration: over €300,000; between €250,000-€300,000; between €200,000-€250,000; between €150,000-€200,000; between €100,000-€150,000.</p> <p>The numbers employed by RTÉ; the comparative figures for year end 2018. The numbers to take voluntary redundancy at RTÉ last year and total amount paid in redundancy. The reasons behind the increase/decrease in numbers employed at RTÉ last year.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Section: 15(1)(a) and (f).</p>
47.	26.05.2020	All correspondence to RTÉ from members of the public regarding the TV programme 'Normal People', dated between April 28th-May 25th.	Journalist.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Schedule 3.5).</p>
48.	28.05.2020	Any records concerning RTÉ's interest in buying a stake in 'Maximum Media'.	Journalist.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 35(4)(b).</p>
49.	29.05.2020	<p>Particulars for source of claim made in at least two recent RTÉ news reports on Covid-19 pandemic that "Around 80% of cases of Covid-19 will be a mild to moderate illness, close to 14% have severe disease and around 6% are critical." https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavirus/2020/0527/1142843-covid19-coronavirus-ireland/</p> <p>and</p> <p>https://www.rte.ie/news/coronavirus/2020/0522/1140072-we-need-clear-leadership-to-help-us-navigate-the-summer/</p> <p>There is no hyperlink in the text indicating where this information is coming from.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Schedule 3.1).</p>

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50.	05.06.2020	<p>1) RTÉ current number of permanent, pensionable employees;</p> <p>2) Retirement dates for these employees by year for next ten years - eg % of permanent staff retiring each year.</p> <p>3) Number of persons working for RTÉ as contract employees (ie not permanent & pensionable)</p> <p>4) Specific durations of each of these contracts (ie. % that have a year or more to run, those ceasing within next 12 months etc).</p> <p>5) Details of any other employees not covered by the above (Permanent & Contract)</p> <p>6) Number of permanent employees in 2fm & number of contract employees in 2fm.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(a)a.</p>
51.	05.06.2020	<p>The full cost of the new 'Fair City' set (a full breakdown of costs too, if possible).</p> <p>The cost of any new alterations that have to be put in, in order to start filming the show with social distancing rules. How much money 'Fair City' generates in adverts and sponsorship.</p> <p>The total of the daily shift rate for performers on the soap, and information on whether it varies on each section they work in.</p> <p>The cost of the taxi bill for all staff working on 'Fair City'.</p> <p>How many scriptwriters are currently contracted to the show per episode.</p> <p>How many episodes were filmed last year and the cost per episode?</p>	Journalist.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Section: 36(1)(b) and (c).</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>

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52.	11.06.2020	<p>What measures do you have in place to assess both the long and short term risk to mental health resulting from the delivery of your news programmes.</p> <p>Have you had your news programmes independently assessed as to the negative impact they might have on Irish Society. If so when? By Who? What recommendations were suggested?</p> <p>Can you confirm what guidance is given to the news teams in regards to the selection/tone/delivery of news programme content.</p>	Member of the public.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section: 15(1)(a).</p>
53.		<p>The cost associated with the new RTÉ Concert Orchestra logo.</p> <p>Emails, reports and consultations within RTÉ about the new Concert Orchestra logo (All project documentation if you like between RTÉ and their suppliers).</p> <p>Documents and communication from the RTÉ CO to relevant RTÉ staff members about the new logo.</p> <p>Any details that were given to both the board and the executive board of RTÉ about the new RTÉ CO logo.</p> <p>Emails from any of the Board and Executive board members in relation to the new RTÉ CO logo.</p>	Member of the public.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Sections: 15(1)(a); 36 (1)(b) and (c); 37(1).</p>

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54.	17.06.2020	A copy of all RTÉ Board minutes from May 2019 to date.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(b) and (c); 31; 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
55.	19.06.2020	Between: 1st September 2019-18th June 2020: 1. Correspondence sent/recvd between Dee Forbes & Minister for Communications Richard Burton, and/or Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe. 2. Correspondence sent/recvd. between Moya Doherty and Minister for Communications Richard Burton, and/or Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe.	.Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(1) & (b); 30(a) & (b); 36(1)(b) & (c); 40(1)(b).
56.	23.06.2020	A breakdown of costs associated with the 'Ireland Remembers' initiative; copy of all correspondence between Government Ministers and/or officials and RTÉ in relation to the 'Ireland Remembers' initiative; a copy of all correspondence between John Concannon and RTÉ in relation to the 'Ireland Remembers' initiative.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.