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FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
57.	01.07.2020	A copy of all complaints made by the public in relation to 'Normal People' and the show 'RTÉ does Comic Relief'.	Journalist	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
58.	03.07.2020	A list of the guest costs - taxi costs, hotel costs, flight costs, appearance fees, hairdressing and make-up, wardrobe, green room - for each of the following RTÉ chat shows in 2019 and the first six months of 2020: The Late Late Show, The Cutting Edge, The Tommy Tiernan Show; a. breakdown of costs for the special 'Late Late Show' Shane MacGowan including taxi costs, hotel costs, flight costs, appearance fees, hairdressing and make-up, wardrobe and Green Room.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b), S.36(1) (b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115.
59.	06.07.2020	Copy of all correspondence (including emails) between (to and from) RTÉ Director General Dee Forbes and the Department of Communications since November 1, 2019.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(a) and (b); 36(1)(b) and (c); 40(1)(b).
60.	07.07.2020	Copies of any records referring or relating to this year's publication by RTÉ of its "top ten salaries".	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
61.	07.07.2020	Copies of all records and correspondence held by RTÉ arising out of the requestor's complaint to RTÉ last November 2019.	Member of the public	Granted.
62.	09.07.2020	From 1 March-9 July 2020, correspondence from Virgin Media and Newstalk relating to advertising on RTÉ television and radio stations and RTÉ's response to that correspondence. Correspondence from the Department of Communications about whether RTÉ should allow advertising from other stations.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).

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63.	10.09.2020	A list of all fees paid to guest speakers/motivational speakers, if any, brought in to address RTÉ staff and/or management at any premises in the first six months of 2020; between Jan 1, 2018 and Dec 31, 2019; include details of where the event took place; how long the event lasted; a copy of any speeches given, and a copy of any presentation material given (2018 to date).	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
64.	16.07.2020	Any reference in your current Safety Statement to News and Current Affairs radio programme presenters and news and current affairs radio programme teams; copies of your Risk Assessments for 2107, 2018, 2019, 2020 as it refers to News and Current Affairs radio programme presenters and news and current affairs radio programme teams.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 15 (Sch. 3.4).
65.	14.07.2020	How much funding RTÉ received in the years 2018 & 2019 from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. Also a breakdown of how much funding RTÉ received directly from the state and how much came from commercial sources for said years.	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
66.	16.07.2020	The amount of money spent on hair and make up for all RTÉ shows in the years 2018 and 2019, including all news coverage, 'Fair City', 'Winning Streak', 'Prime Time', 'The Late Late Show', 'Ray D'Arcy' etc. 2. The amount of money spent on wardrobe costs for all RTÉ shows in 2018 and 2019.	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
67.	27.07.2020	Any records which discuss why TV show 'Dancing With the Stars' will not return in 2021.	Journalist	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 15 (Sch. 3.4).

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68.	28.07.2020	1. Communications, emails, memos, reports and consultations prior to the work carried out by RTÉ on the new Concert Orchestra Logo, from before December 2019. In particular emails, memos and consultations from/to Ann-Marie Power, Joe Cisbi and John Kilkenny. 2. Memo or Press Release to staff about the new logo and its use. 3. Emails to or from Ann-Marie Power, Joe Cisbi and John Kilkenny to any of the Executive Board of RTÉ regarding the logo in both 2019 and 2020.	Member of the public	Withdrawn
69.	03.08.2020	Copies of any correspondence between RTÉ and Communicorp/Newstalk relating to the advertisement (<i>link provided</i>).	Journalist	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
70.	06.08.2020	Copy of the Revised Journalism Guidelines drawn up last year, as referenced in the RTÉ board meeting of October 2019 by Margaret Ward.	Journalist	Granted
71.	08.08.2020	All documents including memos, reports, and correspondence between RTÉ and Galway 2020, or their representatives, (including between the DG of RTÉ and CEO of Galway 2020) pertaining to RTÉ's "partnership" with Galway 2020, June 1 2019 and June 1 2020.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
72.	10.08.2020	A current copy of the 'database of programme contributors and sources of views and opinions for programme makers' referred to (page 8 of RTÉ's current Diversity and Inclusion Strategy).	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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73.	13.08.2020	What appearance fee if any, do the people on the 'Find Me a Home' show receive.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section: 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
74.	14.08.2020	All records of discussions at Board level (incl follow up discussions among management) concerning new RTÉ Player platform released in December 2018 (from 1 December 2018-14 August 2020).	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(b) and (c); 36(1)(a), (b) and (c). Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.
75.	19.08.2020	Any correspondence between RTÉ and various named organisations/individuals relating to motorsport, between January 2017 and June 2018. From 2017 to date provide any contracts and/or correspondence (e-mail or letters) re motorsport between RTÉ various named organisations/individuals.	Business/interest group.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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76.	19.08.2020	The amount of money spent on hair and make up for all RTÉ News Shows in the years 2018 and 2019, including all news coverage, 'Six One News', 'Nine O'Clock' news, and the 'One O'Clock' news etc. This should also include costs for 'The Tommy Tiernan show', 'Today with Maura and Daithi', 'Crime Call', 'Dancing with the Stars', 'Operation Transformation', 'Ireland's Fittest Family', 'The Keith Barry Experience'. The amount of money spent on wardrobe costs for all RTÉ shows in 2018 and 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b); 36(1)(b)& (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
77.	20.08.2020	The number of: people who retired from full time employment in RTÉ between 2010 and 2020 (to date); that group who availed of early retirement.	Member of the public.	Granted.
78.	21.08.2020	A breakdown of costs associated with 2fm's two-week-long digital live music event which began on 27 March 2000; include any fees paid to the individual artists who performed. A breakdown of costs associated with RTÉ's 'Songs from An Empty Room' which began on 25 July 2000; include any fees paid to the individual artists who performed; include any fees paid for the hire of venues.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
79.	01.09.2020	Any documents circulated to the RTÉ Board from January 2019-June 2019 relating to the RTÉ Player service.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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80.	01.09.2020	Any documents circulated to the RTÉ Board from January 2020-June 2020 relating to the RTÉ Player service.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 36(1)(a) and (b).
81.	01.09.2020	Any documents circulated to the RTÉ Board from June 2018-December 2018 relating to the RTÉ Player service.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
82.	01.09.2020	Any documents circulated to the RTÉ Board from January 2018-June 2018 relating to the RTÉ Player service.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
83.	03.09.2020	Breakdown of all costs associated with the 'Shine' concert which aired on 29 August 2000; include any fees paid to the individual artists who performed; include any fees paid for the hire of venues.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(b).
84.	04.09.2020	Copy of all correspondences between: 1. Dee Forbes and Noel Kelly, or any representatives from NK Mgt. Agency; 2. Richard Collins and Noel Kelly, or any representatives from NK Mgt Agency covering the period January 1, 2018, to present. A list of meetings between Dee Forbes and Noel Kelly, or any representatives from NK Mgt Agency; Richard Collins and Noel Kelly, or any representatives from NK Mgt Agency - since April 2016.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1).

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85.	09.09.2020	Provide details of the salary grades used for staff employed in Health & Safety Management roles.	Member of the public	Granted.
86.	10.09.2020	1. Any document around decision making to include a named individual as a "go-to" legal expert on RTÉ radio shows. 2. Any reference to payment, tendering process etc. in relation a named individual and their inclusion on panels.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
87.	10.09.2020	Details of all funding from the European Parliament or any other European institution given to RTÉ in the past 10 years to fund coverage of European affairs.		Granted.
88.	10.09.2020	1) The reason for the change in the RTÉ Concert Orchestra logo. 2) The time frame for this change, ie when the process that resulted in the published logo began and when it finishes/ed. 3) What information was provided to staff on the introduction of the new logo? 4) What information was provided to the public on the introduction of the new logo?	Member of the public	Granted.
89.	15.09.2020	Copies of all correspondence (including attachments in the case of email) received or generated by the RTÉ Director General and/or the RTÉ Board in connection with a 'Prime Time' report on Thornton Hall that was broadcast on September 27th, 2005; seeking correspondence generated or received in the period September 26th and December 24th, 2005.	Member of staff	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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90.	22.09.2020	How much was spent on social distancing the 'Fair City' set before the soap's return and a breakdown of those costs.	Journalist.	Refused. SI 115 of 2000.
91.	22.09.2020	The cost of production for Kathryn Thomas' 'No Place Like Home' series; how much the camper van cost or how much it was to rent; a breakdown of those costs, including the cost of make-up, wardrobe, hotels or B&B's (if any), fuel and any other costs associated with the show; Kathryn incur any parking tickets while filming for the series? If so, how much did they cost.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
92.	22.09.2020	How much the RTÉ new season launch cost to produce virtually this year in August; how much it cost for wardrobe, make-up and photography and all other associated costs with the new season launch.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
93.	24.09.2020	Any correspondence sent by RTÉ DG Dee Forbes to the Department of Communications regarding requests for additional funding or laying out RTÉ's financial position as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, between 1 April-September 2020; release of any replies from the Department to Ms Forbes.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c); 40(1)(b).
94.	28.09.2020	Copy of the Government press briefing televised on the RTÉ news now channel on the evening of the 18th of September 2020. In particular, a copy of the response from Tánaiste Leo Varadkar to a press question at the end of the briefing.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.

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95.	28.09.2020	The number of donations made by RTÉ to charities on behalf of guests in lieu of appearance fees on RTÉ radio or television programmes since 28th, September 2018; the names of the charities and how much they received; the names of the journalists or other guests who appeared on RTÉ radio or television programmes and who donated their appearance fees to a charity since September 28th, 2018.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) – no records exist.
96.	30.09.2020	A record of appearances on RTÉ programmes – both radio and television by a named individual, from 3rd April 2019 to the date of this request; a list of programmes and the dates of the appearances.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) and (d); Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000 (Sch 3.3.)