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RTÉ Freedom of Information – Q2 2021 (April - June)

FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom of Information Request	Requester	Decision
53.	01.04.2021	Provide the salaries of named RTÉ News correspondents.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 37(1).
54.	01.04.2021	Copies of any correspondence between RTÉ and Fine Gael regarding a formal complaint made by the party (link to newspaper article provided).	Journalist	Refused. Section 35(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
55.	06.04.2021	Information regarding the decision within RTÉ to take 13 months to publicise the salaries of the highest earners in RTÉ. In January 2021, the 2019 salaries were published. But at that date, January 2021, RTÉ had the 2020 salary numbers available.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
56.	06.04.2021	From Jan 2020-April 2021: records in relation to all contracts between RTÉ and a named individual; and/or amount of monies paid to a named individual for television programme.	Member of the public	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b) and c; 37(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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57.	07.04.2021	A full breakdown of costs of the new Studio 5, including its new equipment/ technology and any design costs for 'Prime Time'.	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
58.	08.04.2021	How many employees are on annual increments to their salaries; advise what the average annual increment is and how many years these increments have been paid in the last 10 years.	Journalist.	Granted.
59.	09.04.2021	1 Jan-30 June 2014: all records in relation to Sinn Féin's 2014 European Election Broadcast for TV/radio. 2. 1 Nov 2016-1 March 2016: all records in relation to Sinn Féin's 2016 General Election Broadcast for TV/radio. 3. 1 Jan-30 June 2019: all records in relation to Sinn Féin's 2019 European Election Broadcast for TV/radio. 4. 1 November 2019-1 March 2020: all records in relation to Sinn Féin's 2020 General Election Broadcast for TV/radio: include emails, letters, aide memoires, notes, memos, diary entries, drafts, communication between RTÉ and Sinn Féin and/or agents setting out timings, format/other related matters; any separate communication from Sinn Féin before/after this process; communication provided on covering notes in relation to submission of broadcast itself. It does not include the decision-making process from RTÉ regarding the timing for such broadcasts (in terms of length/broadcasting timings) unless specifically queried by Sinn Féin.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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60.	12.04.2021	Details of any monies that RTÉ has received from Pfizer and the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation in the last 5 years.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(b) and (c).
61.	13.04.2021	1) All written correspondence including memos, reports, briefing documents, faxes, messages on social messaging apps, text messages, letters, emails, internal emails, Board minutes, invoices and expense claims regarding the refurbishment of Studio 5. 2) regarding the refurbishment of Studio 3. 3) regarding revamp of 'Prime Time'.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
62.	13.04.2021	The total cost and a breakdown of the new 'Prime Time' set.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
63.	14.04.2021	The amount of money spent by RTÉ on taxi services in each year 2015-2020	Journalist.	Granted.
64.	16.04.2021	Verification that items donated by businesses to Ryan Tubridy/The Ryan Tubridy Show and mentioned on show are, as was stated at one point by the show's office, donated to charity, and which charities have received these items.	Member of the public.	Granted.

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65.	15.04.2021	The most recent weekly audience figures for the following programmes on RTÉ Radio 1: Simply Folk (Sundays); The Rolling Wave (Sundays); South Wind Blows (Saturdays).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
66.	20.04.2021	Information on payments made to RTÉ News by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation and by Pfizer company (total figures).	Member of the public.	Withdrawn.
67.	22.04.2021	Records of information and communication between RTÉ and the World Economic Forum which are in the possession of RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
68.	26.04.2021	Communications from Government Ministers to RTÉ requesting that RTÉ do not challenge Pandemic Regulations.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
69.	28.04.2021	Records in relation to a party being held organised by RTÉ for the retirement of a named broadcaster as reported in the Irish Independent on April 28th (link to article provided); with the records to include a list of guests invited and RTÉ personnel present.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 37(1).

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70.	29.04.2021	As the National Broadcaster of one of the few neutral countries in the EU or the world can you advise how this is reflected in your offering to Irish citizens living in the ROI; As the National Broadcaster of a country with one of the smallest standing armies and a non-existent munitions industry can you advise how this is reflected in your programme offering; Can you state your sources and country of origin for TV and Radio coverage of war and conflict zones used on RTÉ's national News and Current Affairs programmes; Can you confirm if you have undertaken any programmes or documentaries which has as its subject matter the spending on arms by the world's military powers.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a).
71.	30.04.2021	Correspondence relating to the attendance of Denis O'Brien at a retirement party. The correspondence can be limited to items to/from the following individuals: Dee Forbes, Moya Doherty, Jon Williams. Records should include copies of any documents attached or enclosed with correspondence.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
72.	30.04.2021	A copy of all emails to and from RTÉ staff or contractors and a copy of any editorial or managerial notes or minutes of meetings that mention the requestor.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the FOI Act.

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73.	04.05.2021	Total amount of budget spent on 'Fair City', including the number of episodes filmed during the year.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
74.	04.05.2021	If the service to run and maintain RTÉ Player is outsourced to a company outside of the RTÉ organisation? How much did this service cost for the years including 2016-2020? How many incidents of feedback of a negative nature were received about the RTÉ Player last year? Of these complaints, how many related to 'Normal People'?	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 30 (1)(b) and (c); 36(1)(b) and (c).
75.	04.05.2021	In 2020, how many RTÉ FOI requests were turned down, granted and partially granted.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(d).
76.	04.05.2021	Details of any correspondence or communication via text message or phone call between Robert Watt and RTÉ DG Dee Forbes in relation to an RTÉ Investigates programme. This delved into accounts by a 'whistle-blower' exposing the Department of Health's secret dossiers on children with special needs.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
77.	04.05.2021	A copy of any briefing documents prepared for Dee Forbes ahead of her appearance before the Public Accounts Committee in late April.	Journalist.	Granted.

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78.	06.05.2021	The annual salaries of the top 10 presenters within RTÉ; the number of RTÉ administrative staff who earn over €250,000 per annum; the number of RTÉ administrative staff who earn between €150,000 and €250,000 per annum; no. of RTÉ administrative staff who earn between €100,000 and €149,999 per annum; all salaries to include all other payments/emoluments.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(d).
79.	06.05.2021	Access to minutes of any RTÉ Board meetings that took place to date in 2021.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(a), (b) and (c); 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
80.	21.05.2021	Between 1st Jan-1 st Mar 2020, all records regarding decisions over the participation, or non-participation, of political parties in the Leaders' Debates held by RTÉ during the General Election 2020 campaign, and all related correspondence (including with political parties).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
81.	24.05.2021	Re. 'Have your Say': I would like to know what the outcome of the survey was. I believe that the survey had some very pertinent questions as to how public money is being spend versus what the public desire from a public broadcaster.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(b).
82.	24.05.2021	Request the total breakdown of the cost of this year's Eurovision act.	Member of the public.	Released outside of FOI.

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83.	28.05.2021	Total cost of Eurovision 2021; names of delegates who travelled; cost & name of accommodation of Lesley Roy and Irish delegation; cost of flights; all associated costs, including costume, props and set costs; Lesley Roy's remuneration fee; Fredrik Rydman's remuneration fee; costs of video for 'Maps' and locations the video was filmed at; cost of flights.	Journalist.	Released outside of FOI.
84.	28.05.2021	From 2107 to 2021: all costs associated with 'The Tommy Tiernan Show'; cost of the set for each year; total cost of guest fees for each episode or total cost of guest fees for each season; cost of Tommy's wardrobe for each season; cost of taxis used by guests and RTÉ staff and a breakdown of those costs; cost for the green room for each season.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
85.	28.05.2021	Records consisting of submissions about / discussions of, by the representative of RTÉ's employees on the RTÉ Authority; records to include relevant extracts from minutes of RTÉ Authority meetings. The time frame is from 2013 when Minister Joan Burton's Third Advisory Report on Extending Social Welfare Benefits was published and, which report, was covered by RTÉ News.	Member of the public.	Request withdrawn.
86.	28.05.2021	Records showing positions held by Mr Rory Coveney, current RTÉ Strategic Director and member of RTÉ Board, since 2013, when Minister Joan Burton's Third Advisory Report was published and which was covered by RTÉ News.	Member of the public	Request withdrawn.

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87.	28.05.2021	<p>1. The name and RTÉ job title of the RTÉ Employee representative/s who sat on the RTÉ Authority (or RTÉ Board since 2010 to the present</p> <p>2. The name and title of any representative/s of the trade union sector who sat on the RTÉ Authority/ (or RTÉ Board) (other than any representative of the RTÉ's employees) since 2010.</p>	Member of the public	Granted.
88.	28.05.2021	<p>1. All RTÉ board minutes from November 2020 to date.</p> <p>2. All correspondence, including emails, texts or WhatsApps between Dee Forbes and named individuals.</p>	Journalist	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Sections: 29(1)(a), (b); 30(1)(a), (b) and (c); 36(1)(b) and ©.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>
89.	01.06.2021	Please advise what technologies (including version) you use for: HR, L&D, Payroll, Finance, Procurement, Contact Centre; advise if any of the following services are outsourced to third parties, and if so, when does the contract end.	Member of the public	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 15(1)(a).</p>
90.	01.06.2021	References to and copies of e-mails referring to any reporting guide when referring to Israel and Palestine or Israel and Palestinian territories to include if available advice on key words and terminologies ie "Israel", "Hamas", "settler community", "Palestine", "Settlement", "Apartheid", Colonialism", "Colonialists".	Member of the public	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>

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91.	02.06.2021	From 1 January to 31 March 2021: viewing figures (average share) for: all editions of Nuacht (RTÉ ONE); the programming that RTÉ makes for TG4, Nuacht TG4, 7 Lá.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Part Transfer to other FOI body.
92.	03.06.2021	Records showing how much RTÉ has spent on legal costs and legal damages in each of the last five years.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1)(b); 37(1).
93.	04.06.2021	March 2020 to date: How much was Anthony Fauci paid for his appearance on The Late Late show last year; how much has Professor Luke O'Neill received from RTÉ for TV and Radio appearances since March 2020. How much has Professor Samuel Mc Conkey received from RTÉ for TV and Radio appearances since March 2020.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
94.	08.06.2021	Copy of the documentary "RTÉ Investigates" that dealt with the illegal dump at Mobuoy Road, Co. Derry.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
95.	14.06.2021	All payments for legal services made to named individual for the period 1 November 2013 to 8 June 2021.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
96.	15.06.2021	Statement on RnaG 'Nuacht an Anair' related to the requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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97.	23.06.2021	<p>Have you commenced to roll out diversity and inclusion training in the workplace to promote the visibility of the LGBTQI+ Community? Yes/No.</p> <p>2. Who is providing this training i.e., in-house training branch or specific organisations such as Teni, BelongTo, Shout Out etc.</p> <p>3. Have you signed up as members of any of these organisations Yes/No. - please specify which organisations if you have.</p> <p>4. How many training days will each staff member receive, and is this training compulsory?</p> <p>5. Please provide a copy of documents/manuals provided for the diversity and inclusion training.</p>	Member of the public.	Granted.
98.	23.06.2021	<p>Have you commenced to roll out diversity and inclusion training in the workplace to promote the visibility of the LGBTQI+ Community? Yes/No.</p> <p>How much to date has been spent on diversity training and what is budgeted for future spend? What amendments will you be making to your HR policies, if any, as a result of this inclusion initiative?</p> <p>Do you have a policy around the use of pronouns by your staff? If so, what are the policies?</p>	Member of the public.	Granted.

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99.	28.06.2021	All correspondence (including emails) between (to/from) RTÉ DG & Dept of Communications this year. Number of RTÉ staff who applied for redundancy through recent VEP, no. who accepted/declined offer. Total amount paid out to staff under recent VEP to date, with a breakdown: lump sum payments/regular redundancy payments. For lump sum payments, a breakdown by size of payment; average lump payment/average regular redundancy payment (duration of these - i.e., monthly). The total number of redundancies available to RTÉ under the recent voluntary exit programme; when it opened / closed / is due to close.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36 (1)(a) (b) and (c), 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
100.	29.06.2021	Provide any records you hold regarding: plans to provide gender neutral toilet facilities in the workplace: Discussions around whether people transitioning to their preferred gender will be permitted to use the toilets that matches their preferred gender & whether this practice will only apply to holders of a gender recognition certificate; Any risk assessments carried out on your toilet proposals, including records of staff consultation on proposals, and records of outcome; Use of disabled toilets as gender neutral options for your department/office.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
101.	29.06.2021	A copy of any Covid-19 guidance or advice issued by RTÉ to those taking part in discussion panels for sports programmes during Euro 2021 or the All-Ireland Championships.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).