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RTÉ Freedom of Information – Q3 2021 (July – September)

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102.	02.07.2020	In 2019, 2020 and March 2020 to date, how many text messages were sent to: The Ryan Tubridy Show; the Today programme; the Ronan Collins programme; 'Liveline'; The Ray D'Arcy Show; Drivetime; The Brendan O'Connor Show. How many phone calls were received by 'Liveline'.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
103.	06.07.2021	A copy of the voluntary disclosure made by RTÉ to the Revenue Commissioners in relation to the use of self-employment contracts by RTÉ.	Member of the public	Refused. Sections: 16(1)(b); 35(1)(b).
104.	14.07.2021	Obtain the report referred to here: https://tothepeopleofireland.lpages.co/informedconsent/	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
105.	15.07.2021	Details on RTÉ employees who identify as English or British; part of the organisation in which they are employed (News & Current Affairs, Sport, etc) their employment status (contract, permanent, part-time etc); their role (journalist, administrator, editor etc).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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106.	15.07.2021	<p>Re. RTÉ’s recent Public Consultation to inform Public Service Statement; seeking:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy of questionnaires used for self-select online Public Consultation as well as representative National Survey. 2. Copy of all individual responses received to open-ended question referred to on p.15 and p. 21 of the Report re principles that RTÉ should follow (pertaining both to National Survey & online Public Consultation if this option was offered in both cases). 3. Copy of summary & aggregation analysis of those same open-ended responses undertaken as part of the analysis stage (referred to p.15 and p. 21 of Public Consultation Report document). 	Member of the public	Granted in part. S. 15(1)(c).
107.	15.07.2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RTÉ Executive Boards Expenses 2017 – 2020. 2. Details of meetings between RTÉ, the NCH and Department of Media Jan 2021-to Date; Members of the committees/groups established. 3. Number of times RTÉ’s DG and/or Director of Strategy met with NCH since 2018, dates of each meeting/contact. 	Member of the public.	Granted.

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108.	19.07.2021	All documents/correspondence regarding a legal action taken by (identifiable) individuals against RTÉ.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 31(1)(a).
109.	21.09.2021	A copy of the RTÉ Board Minutes, April 2021.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a), (b); 36; 37(1).
110.	22.07.2021	A copy of the Eversheds report into the use and employment status of contract employees at RTÉ.	Journalist.	Withdrawn.
111.	27.07.2021	How much RTÉ earned in 2020 from Phonovation phone-in competitions; how much RTÉ earned in 2020 from 'Late Late Show' Phonovation phone-in competitions.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 35(1); 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
112.	28.07.2021	All correspondence between Covering Climate Now (CCN), either as an organisation or individuals representing the group, and RTÉ, sent within the last 12 months.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
113.	28.07.2021	All public submissions made as part of the Public Service Statement Public Consultation, the report of which was published in July 2021.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(c).

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114.	03.08.2021	Copies of any records referring or relating to the annual publication by RTÉ of its "top ten salaries". This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2021 to date.	Journalist.	
115.	04.08.2021	Any correspondence between RTÉ's Director General and the Minister for Communications between 1 January 2021 to present	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
116.	04.08.2021	A copy of all material held by RTÉ, including any correspondence between RTÉ and entities or individuals acting on behalf of 'The 8 th ', that relate(s) to the documentary titled 'The 8 th '. A copy of all records of costs associated with RTÉ's screening of 'The 8 th '.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
117.	09.08.2021	What the current 'R' number of the Coronavirus is in Ireland	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.

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118.	10.08.2021	Copies of records showing the gross salary, expenses and benefits in kind paid to the Chair of the RTÉ Board (RTÉ Authority) and each individual member of the RTÉ Board (RTÉ Authority) for services as Chair and board members for each year from 2013 to 2018 with records showing the name of the Chair and each individual member of the RTÉ Board.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(d).
119.	17.08.2021	The full notes of the RTÉ Board in respect of each board meeting held in the period from 1st September 2013 to 30th June 2014.	Member of the public	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(a) and (b); 37(1).
120.	12.08.2021	Copies of current Strategic, Policy or Guidance documents in respect of the interviewing and treatment of Lobby/Special Interest Groups on news and current affairs programmes. Please advise if representatives or the parent company of Lobby/ Special Interest Groups receive payment for providing 'content' to RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
121.	16.08.2021	From 2017-2020: provide a list of methods of funding: Public, government, advertising, donations and investments.	Member of the public	Granted.
122.	16.08.2021	How much your station paid for the recent pro-Abortion documentary shown on your station?	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
123.	17.08.2021	The cost of advertising for TV licence campaigns since 2018, including costs per each format (TV, radio, online, social media); Any feedback or briefings provided to RTÉ's Board regarding TV licence ad campaigns since 2018; Minutes of meetings of the RTÉ Board since 2018 where TV licence ads were discussed or mentioned.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(b) and (c).

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124.	25.08.2021	From: 1 Jan 2017-25 Aug 2021: (1) Records created on/after re. proceedings involving RTÉ/its subsidiaries at the Workplace Relations Commission and Labour Court, or in the alternative (a) total number of proceedings, split between WRC and LC, involving RTÉ at the WRC & LC in each year (b) total legal costs incurred by RTÉ for proceedings at WRC & LC, (c) the total compensation ordered against RTÉ arising from proceedings in the WRC and LC in each year.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 31(1)(a); 37(1).
125.	01.09.2021	From July 2018 to date: number of complaints received by RTÉ for its soccer coverage (Champions league /Ireland internationals /International tournaments) for each year; a summary of the complaints.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a).
126.	01.09.2021	From 2018 to date the number of complaints received by RTÉ for its GAA coverage for each of the years; a summary of the complaints.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a).
127.	03.09.2021	The numbers who applied for RTÉ's Voluntary redundancy programme. The number of journalists to have applied to participate in the voluntary redundancy scheme. The numbers of those (across all depts) who have applied who have had their applications accepted for redundancy. The numbers of those who have applied who have had their applications turned down for redundancy. The total paid out to date in redundancy lump sums from those who have been made redundant. The numbers who applied and were turned down as they were deemed 'broadcast critical' by RTÉ. A copy of any report by the RTÉ HR dept to RTÉ management on the take up of the scheme.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a).

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128.	06.09.2021	From 2019 to June 2021: a list of guest speakers/motivational speakers hired during each of the years to include: fee paid; where event took place or if virtual; how long event lasted; a copy of any presentation material (slide presentations, handouts, copy of speeches etc.) received for the event. A list of appearance fees paid for PR/promotional events/guest appearances for each of the years; include where the event took place or if virtual; duration of event; a copy of any presentation material (any slide presentations, handouts, copy of speeches etc.) received for the event.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections:, 15(1)(a) and (i); 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1).
129.	08.09.2021	Any communication between RTÉ and the Rotunda Hospital about the filming of Season 3 of 'The Rotunda', from November 2020 until September 2021.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
130.	10.09.2021	Data re administration by RTÉ of Pension Levy for/on behalf of the RTÉSA, its Trustees and members: Records I request: 1: What total sum did the RTÉ Superannuation Fund pay to Revenue pursuant to the levy implementation. 2: What total sum did the RTÉ Superannuation Fund recoup from its members in reduced benefits over the course of the levy i.e., from 2012-2020. 3. What total sum did the RTÉ Superannuation Fund recoup by applying the Levy reduction to Retirement Gratuities during its duration. 4. How many members reached full retirement age & received their Retirement Gratuity during the period of the pension Levy reductions. 5. What was the actuarial, tax & legal advice received by trustees in designing the system implemented. 6: What was the actuarial, tax & legal advice received by trustees in deciding to cease deductions.	Member of the public.	Refused. RTÉ Superannuation Scheme not subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

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131.	14.09.2021	All correspondence between the producers, RTÉ and the management of The Rotunda, relating to the series of 'The Rotunda', broadcast in 2021.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
132.	14.09.2021	'Claims, Planes and Automobiles - 'RTÉ Investigates', 13/07/2021: costs of producing programme and associated costs.	Member of Oireachtas.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
133.	16.09.2021	Any communication sent by management to staff (& vice versa if applicable) regarding the pronunciation of the word Tyrone in the context of the county's performance in the recent GAA championship.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
134.	17.09.2021	A copy of each set of minutes arising from RTÉ Audience Council meetings from December 2014 to the present date (17th September 2021). A copy of each document sent by the Audience Council to the RTÉ Board relevant to its advisory role to the RTÉ Board- to include all reports, submissions, policy recommendations communicated in writing to the Board- again pertaining to the period December 2014 to the present date (17th September 2021).	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
135.	20.09.2021	From 1 March-20 September 2021: all costs relating to changing RTÉ Radio One's News bulletin signature tune; all costs relating to changing RTÉ Radio One's 'News at One' signature tune; all internal correspondence covering discussions to change RTÉ Radio One signature tunes.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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136.	24.09.2021	All correspondence re treatment of RTÉ workers by crowds in League of Ireland grounds (re. the comments by Group Head of RTÉ Sport Declan McBennett in Irish Independent (link provided)). Also requesting all records of internal departmental discussion of same and any responses from FAI or clubs contacted. Records should include but not be limited to any e-mails, attachments therein/mobile phone text messages/Whatsapp, or other messaging services.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
137.	24.09.2021	Provide the following in respect of News, Current Affairs and Sports Departments: the numbers of individuals of African, Asian or Eastern European origin who are presenters on News/Current Affairs and Sports programmes on RTÉ 1 TV, RTÉ 2 and RTÉ 1 Radio. The numbers of individuals who are categorised as being Disabled and who are presenters on News/Current Affairs and Sports Programme on RTÉ 1 TV, RTÉ 2 and RTÉ 1 Radio.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
138.	29.09.2021	The rate RTÉ pays production companies/licence holders: 1. to broadcast a film/documentary/show on its stations, and 2. to host same on the RTÉ player.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of Freedom of Information Act.