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RTÉ Freedom of Information – Q4 2021 (October - December)

FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom of Information Request	Requester	Decision
139.	11.10.2021	Copy of all correspondence (including emails) between (to and from) RTÉ's director-general, Dee Forbes, and the communications minister, Eamon Ryan.	Journalist.	Granted.
140.	19.10.2021	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many reporters are assigned to RTÉ News Television on a daily basis. 2. For the years 2015 – 2020 inc. how many news reports named regional correspondents had on the Six One news. 3. How much each named reporter claimed in expenses for the years 2015 – 2020 inc individual breakdowns. 4. How many of the named reporters claimed for an unvouched overnight for the years 2015 – 2020; individual breakdowns. 5. Why is it that reporters are entitled to claim for an overnight without a receipt. 6. How much each named reporter is allowed to claim in clothing allowance each year. Individual breakdowns. 7. How much has RTÉ Limerick, RTÉ Cork and RTÉ Waterford paid to a News stringer for copy for the years 2105 – 2020; individual breakdowns for each region. 	Oireachtas.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
141.	19.10.2021	A copy of meeting agendas/minutes from each meeting of RTÉ editorial Referendum Steering Groups in re. to (a) Fiscal Stability Treaty referendum 2012, (b) Same-sex Marriage Referendum 2015, and (c) Referendum on the Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy (Abortion Referendum) 2018. A copy of final reports made by Referendum Steering Groups following conclusion of those referenda.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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142.	20.11.2021	Was a payment made to Nigel Farage for his appearance on The Claire Byrne Show (18th October 2021)? Please note that I am not seeking the amount or any details of payment made (if any) in order that SI 115/2000 will not exclude my FOI request. I am simply seeking a "Yes" or "No" reply.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
143.	22.11.2021	Requesting a copy of or link to the 'Prime Time' programme about Mefloquine which is sold in Ireland as Lariam (link from RTÉ website attached).	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
144.	22.10.2021	How much RTÉ spent on revamping Studio 5 in 2020 and 2021	Journalist.	Granted.
145.	26.10.2021	Between 13-23 November 2020: all internal corres. between the RTÉ Comms. Team, in re. press query received from Sun newspaper in relation to a Covid breach at event in RTÉ on 13 November, 2020. All internal corres. between the RTÉ Communications team in relation to same. All corres. between RTÉ Board, DG Dee Forbes and Managing Director of News Jon Williams in relation to same.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(i).
146.	27.10.2021	1. A list of all the documentaries funded by the Independent Production Unit at RTÉ from 2017-present - presented in a format similar to how the BAI notify the public of funding rounds i.e name of production co., name of project, channel, funding awarded, format, genre, number of programmes and duration. 2. Clarify whether RTÉ or the Independent production company own the rights to the programme once it has been commissioned.	Member of the Public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a) and (d); 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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147.	01.11.2021	Does RTÉ keep any records or register of 'hospitality' or other forms of bribery extended to its journalists, news editors or execs, such as, for instance, from foreign embassies or the Dept of Foreign Affairs, which would explain its dishonest and biased news broadcasts?	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
148.	02.11.2021	A spreadsheet/database/record of line-by-line expenditure associated with the provision of hotel accommodation in Dublin thus far in 2021.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) and (c).
149.	02.11.2021	Copy of a teletext report which RTÉ displayed on its service on the 07/07/202.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
150.	03.11.2021	All Records of Press Releases received by RTÉ relating to an MCIB investigation which was the subject of a news article on the RTÉ website (link provided) / mentioned on the RTÉ television evening news on 28th October 2021. All records of any correspondence accompanying the releases whether in digital or paper form.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
151.	05.11.2021	A copy of all Board minutes from June 2021 to date; a copy of all Board Subcommittee minutes from January 2021 to date; a copy of all records relating to the costs of the RTÉ Prime Time revamp and the refurbishment of RTÉ studios 3 and 5.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections:
152.	05.11.2021	Copy of video featuring requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115.

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153.	12.11.2021	The number of RTÉ employees that were let go in the Voluntary Exit Programme 2021 in total. The number of employees let go in the Voluntary Exit Programme 2021 by division.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
154.	15.11.2021	A breakdown of all the costs incurred by RTÉ associated with RTÉ 'Prime Time' and staff travelling to COP26 in Glasgow this month. A copy of receipts relating to costs associated with RTÉ 'Prime Time' staff travelling to COP26 in Glasgow this month.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
155.	23.11.2021	A copy of any RTÉ policies regarding how Court proceedings, specifically criminal court proceedings, are reported on. I wish to know if RTÉ dispatch journalists to the District and Circuit Courts. I wish for the following questions to be answered: How many RTÉ journalists are in the Criminal Courts of Justice on any given day of the week; How are journalists distributed in the CCJ between the most serious cases (Central Criminal Court and Special Criminal Court) and less serious ones which are dealt with by the Circuit and District Courts? Do RTÉ have any policies on having journalists focus on different types of offences and how they are dealt with in court (drug offences, public order offences); Is there a journalist or a member of RTÉ staff in charge of other journalists in the CCJ?	Member of the public.	Refused.
156.	24.11.2021	Correspondence received by RTÉ relating to 'Operation Transformation' between November 24, 2020 and November 24, 2021 and any records created relating to this correspondence.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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157.	24.11.2021	Copies of complaints sent to RTÉ by members of the public about the RTÉ Player from 1 October to 24 November 2021.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
158.	25.11.2021	Release under FOI a letter to RTÉ regarding cancellation of a named individual's appearance on The Late Late Show of Oct 8th; a copy of all letters/emails sent to RTÉ in advance of this date pertaining to the individual appearing.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
159.	29.11.2021	A list of the headings/subheadings etc used in the financial database in use by RTÉ.	Journalist.	Granted.
160.	30.11.2021	How many Big Pharma and Silicon Valley companies sponsor RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the FOI Act.
161.	03.12.2021	Confirmation that RTÉ commissioned a survey or similar to gauge public opinion in regard to Rugby Union Autumn Internationals, similar to that which you publicised in the autumn of 2020 in respect of the GAA Championship. If so, what company was commissioned to undertake survey & over what time period. During which programmes/dates were the findings of this survey conveyed to listeners/viewers of RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
162.	09.12.2021	Between 1 October 2021 and 30 November 2021, correspondence received by RTÉ regarding a named individual's scheduled appearance on 'The Late Late Show' (on 8 October 2021).	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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163.	13.12.2021	How much RTÉ paid Disney for the rights to the music used in the 2021 Toy Show. If this was not directly funded by RTÉ was there any additional payment made to the production company involved. Also were other musical options considered, if so of the total how many of these were from Irish artists?	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
164.	14.12.2021	JNLR listening figures for RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021, which is the average number of people listening to Raidió na Gaeltachta in per day. I would also like any breakdown of those figures by age of listeners (15-24 year olds, 15-34, 35+, etc).	Journalist.	Granted.