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124.	03.07.2023	A listing of the recipients of funds from The Late Late Toy Show appeals ran since 2020 and the balance of remaining funds to be distributed	Member of the public	Granted
125.	04.07.2023	1) Records created on or after 7 March 2023 until 3 July 2023 relating to the cost of the review by Grant Thornton of previously undeclared payments by RTÉ to Ryan Tubridy. 2) Records created on or after 7 March 2023 until 3 July 2023 relating to the terms of reference of the review by Grant Thornton of previously undeclared payments by RTÉ to Ryan Tubridy, to include a copy of the terms of reference. 3) An unredacted copy of the review by Grant Thornton of previously undeclared payments by RTÉ to Ryan Tubridy	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
126.	04.07.2023	How much did it cost RTÉ to put on this production? This information should include advertising, promotion, cast and crew fees.	Journalist.	Granted.
127.	04.07.2023	Any correspondence between Rory Coveney and Dee Forbes about RTÉ's Toy Show the Musical. I would like to narrow this down to the six months leading up to the show going live, so from November 2022 up until the end of December 2022; to include Whatsapp messages in this correspondence.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of Section 12(1)(b).
128.	04.07.2023	Copies of invoices received by RTÉ re. planned trips by staff/contractors/commercial clients to attend FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia/New Zealand and Men's Rugby World Cup in France; breakdown of whether invoices relate to flights/accommodation of staff/contractors who will be working as part of broadcasting these events, or whether bookings relate to staff in its commercial division and/or their commercial clients. Include invoices that have since been cancelled & state if such invoices have been cancelled; records which stipulate duration of the trips, estimated cost of trips, whether or not any of them were planned to be paid through RTÉ's commercial barter account.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(c).

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129.	04.07.2023	Copy of written correspondence (letters and emails) sent by members of the public for the attention of RTÉ from 22 June 2023 to the most recent available date which have as their primary subject matter payments made to broadcaster Ryan Tubridy and/or his current absence from his RTÉ Radio 1 programme. A copy of written correspondence sent from RTÉ in response to any of the above correspondence from 22 June 2023 to the most recent available date.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(c).
130.	05.07.2023	All documents and records, including records in electronic format, held by RTÉ concerning the cost of commissioning the 'Turn The World' promo for the 2023 FIFA World Cup.	Journalist	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
131.	05.07.2023	All minutes of meetings of the RTÉ Board and any sub committees, including those with responsibility for financial management, reporting to it between the dates January 1, 2020 and July 5, 2023.	Journalist	Deemed refusal. Section 19(1).
132.	05.07.2023	Re. The Late Late Show: 1.Invoices/payments/costs for hair/make-up for 2021 - present for guests. 2. Invoices/payments/costs hair/make up services in particular for episode May 26 for leaving of Ryan Tubridy; 3. Invoices/payments/costs for all services inc, food, drinks, all other services from 2021 – present. 4. Invoices/payments/costs hiring of external services for show, inc taxis, flights, couriers, transfers from 2021 to present. 5.Invoices/payments/costs for all services inc props, food, drinks, all other services the last Late Late Show in May 26 2023. 6. Special requests made by guests to Late Late show from 2021 to present incl requests for flowers in their dressing room, extra security, car hire, make up, water, gifts, chocolates – all special requests made by guest who appeared on Late Late show for past 2 years. 7. Invoices/payments/costs for wardrobe/clothes for the Late Late show for 2021 to present. 8. Invoices/payments/costs for car hire for Late Late Show 2021 to present. 9 Invoices/payments/costs of live link ups with guests from 2020 to present for Late Late Show.	Journalist	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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133.	05.07.2023	A copy of each set of minutes arising from RTÉ Audience Council meetings from 17th September 2021 to the present date of 5th July 2023. 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 17 September 2021 to the present date of 5th July 2023.	Member of the public.	Granted.
134.	04.07.2023	Who makes the decision to enter Ireland into the contest and, how much does it cost us to enter this?	Member of the public.	Granted.
135.	06.07.2023	Any notes or minutes taken at meetings between RTÉ officials and the Minister/Department of Media officials on 16 March and 25 April this year. The meetings concerned are referenced on the Lobbying Register here; also requesting the release of any briefings created RTÉ officials in advance of these meetings, as well as any correspondence with the Department created arising from them.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
136.	06.07.2023	Records from 2022 and 2023 of why the RTÉ Board has decided not to release the 2022 Top 10 salaries.	Member of the public	Refused, Section 15(1)(a).
137.	06.07.2023	A copy of all Freedom of Information requests received by your office from 1 Jan 2016-30 June 2023. 2; a copy of all answers provided to the requests, including both disclosures and non-disclosures.	Member of the public	Granted in part, Second part withdrawn.

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138.	07.07.2023	Overall cost of each of the three Grant Thornton reviews that RTÉ has commissioned, the first two relating to payments made, the third relating to the accounts attached to Toy Show the Musical; what budget the funds for these reviews are drawn from - through commercial revenue or from public funding.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 35(1).
139.	07.07.2023	Details as to the ownership of the concept/intellectual property of 'Riverdance' as performed at the Eurovision, and the amounts accrued to RTÉ from the productions of same.	Member of the Oireachtas	Refused. FOI Act did not apply to RTÉ at that time.
140.	07.07.2023	Any notes or minutes taken at meetings between RTÉ officials and the Minister/Department of Media officials on 16 March and 25 April this year; also requesting the release of any briefings created by RTÉ officials in advance of these meetings, as well as any correspondence with the Department created arising from them.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
141.	10.07.2023	The annual salary and any additional payments made to Oliver Callan.	Member of the public.	Refused Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
142.	11.07.2023	The full list of all product placement arrangements including the product and corresponding programme, since 2015; 2. A list of all sponsorship arrangements with full details of sponsor and the show to be sponsored since 2015; 3. A list of all programmes that were "specially commissioned" by any other entity or where any commercial arrangement was in place that contributed to the programme, since 2015.	Journalist.	Granted in part.

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143.	11.07.2023	The number of and content of any complaint of a sexual/predatory nature made against any and all members of staff at the RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of Section 12(1)(b).
144.	12.07.2023	The total cost of any crisis communications incurred by RTÉ since 20 June 2023 to present, all communications between RTÉ staff and such a crisis communications team between 20 June 2023 and now.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
145.	12.07.2023	All the records held by RTÉ relating to requests from named presenters to their line managers over the last five years to participate in sponsorship or brand ambassador.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1).
146.	12.07.2023	A detailed breakdown of the press and marketing spend for Toy Show the Musical	Journalist.	Granted.
147.	13/07/2023	1. Total number of emails received by Complaints Dept. re. comments on 'The Claire Byrne Show' re. the death of Christy Dignam; specify the time frame within which emails were received, if applicable. 2. the number of emails were forwarded as "feedback" to feedback team. 3 Was a named individual spoken to.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).

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148.	17.07.2023	Phone messages sent to Director of ACM on 13 July 2023 - specifically any SMS, iMessage or WhatsApp messages, or those from other messaging services to their phone/phones - which broadly relate to their work at RTÉ or the Oireachtas committee hearings into RTÉ.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1).
149.	17.07.2023	Copies of all briefing material prepared for new director general Kevin Bakhurst in advance of his assumption of the role.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 29(1),30(1)(b), 36(1), 40(1).
150.	17.07.2023	A copy of all minutes taken following meetings of the RTÉ Board between January and July 2023	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
151.	17.07.2023	How many Irish Travellers are currently in full-time employment in RTÉ.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
152.	18.07.2023	During the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media debate on Wednesday, 5th July RTÉ interim deputy director general Adrian Lynch committed to releasing the anonymised salaries of the bottom 50 earners at RTÉ. I am requesting the release of these.	Member of the public.	Granted.
153.	24/07/2024	1) Copy of Audience Council annual reports from 1 Jan 2010 to 21 July 2023 2) Copy of each set of standing orders/equivalent document governing the Council and its activities in operation over this same period, to include any revisions of same. 3) Copy of discussion document referred to in Audience Council's Communique 6 April 2016.	Member of the public.	Granted.

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154.	24/07/2023	All internal written correspondence including faxes, e-mails, memos, reports, minutes of meetings, letters, invoices, text messages and messages on social messaging apps such as WhatsApp pertaining to booking of guests for a named show on Pulse FM for the week of 17th - 21st June, 2019.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
155.	28/07/2023	All contacts between the Director General and NK Management from January 1, 2019, to June 1, 2023. Details of spending on RTÉ credit cards or expense accounts in 2022. All contacts between the Head of Sport and the GAA in 2022.	Journalist.	Deemed Refusal. Section 19(1).
156.	28/07/2023	Can you please state the severance packages. Both Dee Forbes your former CEO and Director of strategy Rory Coveney received on leaving the organisation.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1).
157.	25/07/2023	A full list of the standard freelance rates that RTÉ News and Current Affair Programmes (radio, TV and digital) pay and the date when they were last increased?	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
158.	31/07/2023	Access to any minutes of RTÉ board meetings in April, May, June or July 2023.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
159.	31/07/2023	Any briefing document prepared for Kevin Bakhurst; correspondence between RTÉ Chair and DG and/or Director ACM (1 June 2023-31 July 2023) in re Ryan Tubridy overpayments issue. Any correspondence between Board members in re. same.		Deemed Refusal. Section 19(1).

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160.	01/08/2023	Itemised (travel, accommodation, meals, per diem, etc.) total cost of RTÉ having a crew to cover FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia/ New Zealand. how many were in the crew, what class they travelled, what hotels (star rating) and details of all expenses claimed by the crew; the total minutes they transmitted to air from Australia or New Zealand.	Member of the public	Refused, Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
161.	01/08/2023	A copy of any records held by the DG referring or relating to a reported decline in revenue from sales and renewals of TV licences. This request to cover the period 1 June 2023 to date of receipt of the request.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
162.	01/08/2023	The name of RTÉ staff member.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
163.	03/08/2023	Records for the amount of advertising revenue received by RTÉ in June, July and August 2022 compared with June, July and August of this year.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(ab), (b), (c).
164.	03/08/2023	How much all the GAA GO packages from the 2023 season cost across all jurisdictions where they were sold; differences in prices for GAA GO services across the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and mainland Britain.	Member of the public.	Granted.
165.	04/08/2023	Quantity of reports broadcast by RTÉ on 13:00, 18:00, 21:00 hours TV news on specified date ranges relating to undocumented refugees/migrants from Ukraine.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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166.	08/08/2023	Breakdown of the cost of the programme aired this evening. 'High Road - Low Road to Japan'. Cost of: flights for the two presenters; flights for film crew; hotel accommodation for the two presenters; accommodation for the film crew; food and expenses incurred for all during this programmes visit to Japan.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
167.	09/08/2023	A copy of the minutes of the RTÉ Executive Board meetings for calendar years 2016 & 2017 inclusively and respectively.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(b) and (c); 36 (1)(b) and (c); 37(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
168.	17/08/2023	All internal correspondence and documentation related to the creation, sanction, justification and financing (including the cost pool allocation) of the role of editorial advisor to the Director of Content, which was created and filled in the summer of 2022; include any sanctioning documentation within HR, finance, content, News and Current Affairs and the Executive.	Staff	Refused. Section 37(1).
169.	17/08/2023	All records of discussions/communications within RTÉ and with third parties re. social media followers and accounts on the subject of 'buying' social media followers.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
170.	18/08/2023	Between 1 July 2023 to date: all corres. between RTÉ DG and Ryan Tubridy/representatives regarding Mr Tubridy's proposed return to the station; include any emails, text messages, any other forms of electronic communications between July 1 2023 to date.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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171.	21/08/2023	Between 10 July - 21 August: the dates of/a record of meetings between Kevin Bakhurst and Ryan Tubridy over his return to RTÉ as a presenter and how long the meetings lasted for. The names of other people who attended the meetings, if any; minutes of those meetings, if available.	Journalist	Refused. Section 37(1).
172.	21/08/2023	Between: 10 July - 21 August: All legal advice sought by RTÉ, internal and external, in relation to ending negotiations with Ryan Tubridy about his return to RTÉ Radio.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 31; 37(1).
173.	21/08/2023	Between July 22nd and August 17th, inclusive: a copy of following documents [or documents containing following information]: all records, incl. emails, other correspondence, minutes of meetings, or any other relevant documents, between DG Kevin Bakhurst and Ryan Tubridy re planning/ proposal of a podcast by Tubridy on his now abandoned return to RTÉ in September; all records, including emails, corres, minutes of meetings/any other relevant documents, relating to discussions with interim leadership team, Board, Department of Culture, about proposed podcast.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
174.	21/08/2023	Between July 22nd-August 17th: copy of the following documents [or documents containing the following information]; all records, including emails, other correspondence, minutes of meetings, any other relevant documents, within/between RTÉ's executive, An Post, and Dept of Culture, relating to: noting/raising concern over TV licence fee drop-off, communication/requests re licence fee enforcement, projections on future licence fee drop off, projections on impact of licence fee drop off, and communication on level of TV licence inspection.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(c); 36(1)(b) and (c).

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175.	21/08/2023	Records (or statement answering): whether cost of adding a co-presenter to a programme is cost neutral, or represents additional cost to RTÉ on top of that normally paid to a named individual.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
176.	23/08/2023	1. Records of meetings during July and August 2023 between Kevin Bakhurst and Ryan Tubridy, and/or his agents/representatives; 2. Notes, minutes and briefing materials supplied to a meeting of the Remuneration committee of the Board convened in the week of 14th August; 3. Notes, minutes and briefing materials supplied to a meeting, as well as presentations made to the meeting, of the Board in the same week.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
177.	29/08/2023	Invoice for Grant Thornton which examined overpayments to Ryan Tubridy; invoice from Grant Thornton for the second report; documents or records that reference a quoted cost for the review of 'Toy Show The Musical'; invoice between Grant Thornton for the Musical review; documents which reference a quoted cost for the McCann Fitzgerald review into the VEPs; invoice between McCann Fitzgerald for same; records which set out the terms of reference for the VEP review; contract between RTÉ and Bob Semple; invoice from Eversheds for 2018 review into contracts; all invoices between Willis Towers Watson and RTÉ since 2015.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 30(1)(a); 37(1).
178.	29/08/2023	Records which show the cost of engaging A&L Goodbody for an investigation into the Current Affairs Dept between May and September 2021.	Journalist.	Granted.

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179.	29/08/2023	Correspondence between the DG and an individual regarding tickets for the forthcoming Rugby World Cup.	Journalist.	Records requested not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Section 37(1).
180.	30/08/2023	Records relating to the issue of car/car allowances for staff & contractors to include but not limited to: a breakdown of the reported 1,100 car allowances paid to RTÉ staff last year, detailing individual payments made with links to names/salary ranges in tabular form; breakdown of expenses claimed by staff under the category for 2022 per person; a similar breakdown in relation to taxis for staff for 2022 in tabular form by name and position/title; a breakdown of mileage expenses claimed by persons who had a car allowance; a breakdown of taxi expenses claimed by persons specifically with a car allowance.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
181.	07/09/2023	1. A copy of all complaints from members of the public received by RTÉ from June 7th through to September 7th 2023 regarding Ryan Tubridy. - to include all complaints about Ryan Tubridy not being on air - to include all complaints about the issue of payments made to Ryan Tubridy.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(c); 37(1).
182.	08/09/2023	Any records that can be released regarding the recommissioning of 'Dancing with the Stars' for 2023/24.	Journalist.	Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
183.	08/09/2023	Disclose the total cost to RTÉ/taxpayers of what figure RTÉ paid to independent production company (re. 'High Road, Low Road to Japan').	Journalist.	Section 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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184.	11/09/2023	The release of any record of bonuses or severance pay paid to members of RTÉ's executive staff since 2016, with specific details about the amount of such payments made in each year (broken down by year and per individual), the rank/position and salary of any individuals who received bonuses or severance pay.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
185.	06/09/2023	If the expenses associated with RTÉ's extremely limited (censored?) coverage of Minister Micheál Martin's visit this week to Israel etc have been paid for or subsidised by the Dept of Foreign Affairs or by any other individual, institution or body, that is not part of RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Granted.
186.	09/09/2023	Records of the salaries of the 'Top Earners' in RTÉ and two named presenters.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
187.	13/09/2023	A copy of the script for 'Toy Show - The Musical'.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 41(1)(a).
188.	14/09/2023	Any tenders related to 'Fair City' between 2013 and 2023.	Journalist.	Granted.
189.	14/09/2023	1. All correspondence relating to the cost of RTÉ leaving its Montrose site in Dublin sent or received by the DG from June 1 st -September 14 th 2023. 2. The estimated cost of moving RTÉ out of Montrose as worked out by officials at RTÉ & any documents supporting this estimate. This work was mentioned by the DG at a recent meeting with the Oireachtas Committee on Media.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 29(1)(a)&(b); 30(1)(a),(b)&(c); 36(1) & 40(1)(d).

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190.	15/09/2023	A datadump/spreadsheet/record of the RTÉ financial management system where it relates to the purchase of items of clothing or costume for the costume/wardrobe department. This record to cover the period 1 Jan 2022 to date.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 32(1)(ii); 37(1). Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.
191.	18/09/2023	'The Late Late Show': the total cost of new set; details on who made/designed the set; total cost of food and drink provided to guests on the first night of the show returning; provide h the cost of taxis and accommodations for guests/host on the first night show; cost of Patrick Kielty's wardrobe and make up? (is there a set budget each season or is it necessary to wait until the season is over).	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
192.	18/09/2023	(1) Records created on or 1 January 2020 until 18 September 2023, relating to the location and number of households in Northern Ireland successfully served by Multiplex Broadcasting Services NI Limited.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
193.	19/09/2023	Records detailing the amount spent by RTÉ to develop the new 'The Late Late Show' logo ahead of the 2023 season hosted by Patrick Kielty.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
194.	19/09/2023	Records detailing the amount spent by RTÉ to refurbish/remodel 'The Late Late Show' set in 2023, ahead of the new season hosted by Patrick Kielty.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
195.	20/09/2023	Records showing how much RTÉ has spent on paying for script writers for the 'Fair City' production in each year from 2015 to date. Records showing a breakdown of payments for 'Fair City' script writers for each of those same years broken down under the name of each script writer.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000. Section 37(1)

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196.	21/09/2023	A copy of the review of Ryan Tubridy's previously stated remunerations for the period before 2020 to 2022.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 31(1)(a); 37(1)(a).
197.	21/09/2023	From 16-22nd June 2023: all files & corres. re the commissioning of review of Ryan Tubridy's previously stated remunerations, including order to commission review, assignment of review to specific staff & corres. from those tasked with review specifically on review with other staff in RTÉ.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 31(1)(a); 37(1)(a).
198.	28/09/2023	A copy of the letter from 8th May 2023 from Dee Forbes, RTÉ Director General to Minister Catherine Martin. Subject of letter: the importance of reform of the public funding system and the need to secure interim funding for RTÉ.	Journalist.	Granted.
199.	28/09/2023	The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of the RTÉ Board in the week beginning March 20, 2023.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a) and (b); 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1).
200.	28/09/2023	Details of any/all monies donated/paid to a named location, for the use of premises as a filming location for a TV programme.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.