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1.	02.01.2024	RTÉ's submissions to BAI/CnaM for 2023 '5-Year Review of Public Funding'; RTÉ's submissions to BAI/CnaM for 2018 '5-Year Review of Public Funding'; RTÉ latest report to BAI/ CnaM Department on fulfilment of commitments as contained in the latest Annual Commitment Submission.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and (c). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
2.	08.01.2024	Copies of all complaints and compliments made to RTÉ about the December 2023 'Prime Time' article "Leading doctors report HSE to HIQA over transgender care" and the episode of 'Prime Time' aired on the 14th of December 2023.	Member of the public.	Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
3.	18.01.2024	Thee total paid out in legal fees, and how much the top 5 legal firms were paid in total in 2023.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1)
4.	10.01.2024	All correspondence (including attachments), memos, briefing documents or notes between RTÉ (limited to the Director General, the Director of Human Resources, Head of News, the Deputy head of News, the Deputy managing director of News, the Foreign News Editor and the Deputy Foreign News Editor) and the Department of Foreign Affairs relating to the 'Global media challenge fund' from 1 December 2020 to January 10th 2024.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
5.	10.01.2024	All internal correspondence, memos, briefing documents or notes between the Director General, the Director of Human Resources, the Head of News, the Deputy Managing Director of News, the Foreign News Editor and the Deputy Foreign News Editor relating to the 'Global Media Challenge Fund' and the three roles part funded by the grant from 1 December 2020 to January 10th 2024.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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6.	12.01.2024	How much revenue RTÉ generated in 2022 in the following two areas: Digital advertising income for the year 2022; Digital sponsorship income for the year 2022	Business/Interest Group.	Granted.
7.	12.01.2024	Figures for the amount of advertising revenue received by RTÉ for each month of 2022, compared with 2023 or if that's not possible, figures for the total advertising revenue received by RTÉ for 2022 and 2023 entirely.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
8.	15.01.2024	'Room to Improve' - current season- episode 2 aired Sunday January 14th 2024: Report condemning the roof of the property. Report confirming that 'ceiling joists' roof joists were rotten.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
9.	16.01.2024	Copies of: any documents showing the amount of payments received by RTÉ from the National Lottery and/or Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC for advertising on television, radio and online in each of the years 2022 and 2023; all invoices received from the National Lotteries and/or Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC for advertising on television, radio and online in each of 2022 and 2023.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
10.	16.01.2024	Copies of any correspondence regarding the decision of RTÉ to broadcast live the Israeli response at the ICJ last week, but not to broadcast the corresponding session on the previous day in which South Africa set out its charges against the Israeli genocide of the Palestinian people .	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
11.	08.02.2024	Top 50 largest advertisers (measured by total costs of campaigns and/or sponsorship for entire year) for the year 2023. Data does not need to be in any particular order.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1).

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12.	19.01.2024	Records citing how much each celebrity participant with 'Dancing with the Stars' was paid in each of 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017. Any records that mention why wages were increased or decreased if available.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
13.	22.01.2023	The number of complaints that RTÉ received in relation to the 'Prime Time' report on Trans Health Care broadcast on RTÉ One on 14 December 2023	Member of the public.	Granted.
14.	24.01.2024	Records from discussion paper sent from TG4 Director General to RTÉ (Kevin Bakhurst) re proposed structural, operational and partnership changes between RTÉ and TG4 to facilitate implementation of Recommendation 7-1 detailed in Report of Future of Media Commission. Records concerning editorial decisions/discussions are not being sought as part of this request. TG4's DG confirmed that a discussion paper was sent to RTÉ in an interview on RTÉ RnaG (Adhmadin) on 12 Oct 2023. I would like to receive all the information electronically and in the language it was written without translation.	Member of staff.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
15.	29.01.2024	A copy of all RTÉ Board Minutes, Finance Committee and Audit Committee Minutes between October 2018 and February 2020.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections 36(1)(b); 27(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
16.	30.01.2024	Copies of any records held referring or relating to the plan for publication of the latest 'top ten earners' data for RTÉ. This request to cover the period 1 Sept 2023 to date of receipt of the request.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 37(1).
17.	30.01.2024	The minutes of the meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee of the RTÉ board for 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(a); 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1).

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18.	30.01.2024	All records of memos, policy papers, correspondence including letters, emails, texts, Signal/Whatsapp messages, briefing notes, attendance records & minutes created between 3 Jan 2022- 29 Dec 2023, and held by RTÉ, relating to the 'Combo' meeting on 29 March 2022.	Member of staff.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
19.	09.02.2024	Copies of the recordings of all board meetings held by the RTÉ board for the year 2017 (the minutes of these meetings). Further can you also confirm who was the board secretary for the year ending 2017?	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: S 36(1)(b); 37(1).
20.	02.02.2024	From 22 June 2022-22 July 2023: all files/corres between Director of Human Resources & Adrian Lynch (in whatever roles he occupied) & Kevin Bakhurst, DG, re application for VEP by an individual in 2017; the granting of the application in 2019 and their departure in 2020 - include any minutes of meetings, emails, text messages or WhatsApp messages.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
21.	06.02.2024	Copy of report by the Deputy DG, into commercial arrangements of staff & contractors & breaches of RTÉ policy. All files and correspondence related to this report; a list of individuals interviewed for this report; notes of interviews with individuals for this report.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
22.	07.02.2024	Communiqué from Audience Council's first meeting on Thursday 18th January 2024; the number of individuals who applied to join the Audience Council as part of the recent recruitment process; the selection criteria used to choose from the applicants.	Member of the public.	Granted.
23.	30.01.2024	Between 1 May 2022-30 January 2023: copies of all correspondence, including all emails, exchanged between individuals which relate to 'Toy Show the Musical'.	Member of staff	Granted in part. Sections: 36; S. 37(1).

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24.	07.02.2024	Documentation relating to the recently undertaken public consultation exercise for RTÉ as described in the RTÉ New Direction Insights 2023 document. Copies of all verbatim responses to the open-ended write-in question Q7 'The most important thing I think RTÉ could do to restore public trust is', gathered from both the public consultation and national survey elements of the exercise (i.e, the open online consultation and the representative sample). Copies of all verbatim responses to the open-ended write-in question Q8 'The most important thing I think RTÉ could do to restore public trust is', gathered from both the public consultation and national survey elements of the exercise (i.e, the open online consultation and the representative sample). Copies of any analyses held by RTÉ in respect of the findings generated by Q7 and Q8 with additional details beyond that covered in the publicly available RTÉ New Direction Insights 2023 document.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
25.	13.02.2024	Total spent on hair in 2023 by RTÉ for programmes: a breakdown of costs for hair for the following: 'Fair City', 'The Late Late Show', the one-off 'Late Late Toy Show', 'The Angela Scanlon Show', 'The Tommy Tiernan Show', 'RTÉ news coverage, 'Prime Time', 'Eurovision'. The total spent on makeup by RTÉ in 2023: a breakdown of makeup costs for the following: 'Fair City', 'The Late Late Show', the one-off 'Late Late Toy Show', 'The Angela Scanlon Show', 'The Tommy Tiernan Show', RTÉ news coverage, 'Prime Time', 'Eurovision'. The total spent on wardrobe by RTÉ in 2023: a breakdown of wardrobe costs for the following: 'Fair City', 'The Late Late Show', the one-off 'Late Late Toy Show', 'The Angela Scanlon Show', 'The Tommy Tiernan Show', RTÉ news coverage, 'Prime Time', 'Eurovision'.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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26.	19.02.2024	Updated: payment amounts paid out to agencies for 'Toy Show The Musical' and the amounts paid out to everyone involved in the creation of the advert used to promote TSTM (digital & print media).	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
27.	14.02.2024	The letter sent by former RTÉ staff member to DG Kevin Bakhurst on January 13 2024.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1).
28.	14.02.2024	Correspondence received by RTÉ on 13th February from the solicitors of a former RTE employee ahead of an appearance by RTÉ executives and board members at the Oireachtas media committee.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1).
29.	19.02.2024	Copies of any correspondence about the request to a performer on last Friday's 'Late Late Show' to remove an item of clothing with Palestinian insignia.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
30.	19.02.2024	A copy of the business case for 'Toy Show The Musical' provided to the Public Accounts Committee as requested by the committee in Jan or Feb 2024; copy of any correspondence (and attachments) with the PAC concerning its request for the business case for 'Toy Show The Musical'.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
31.	20.02.2024	All communications between a former staff member and Director General Kevin Bakhurst on an exit package, between June and August 2023. All internal communications related to Director of Strategy's exit package.	Journalist	Refused. Sections 15(1)(a); 37(1).
32.	20.02.2024	Records created after 1 October 2023 until 20 February 2024 relating to the advertisement for a company secretary at RTÉ, following the departure of the previous company secretary, or in the alternative, copies of any advertisements along with their date and platform of publication.	Journalist.	Granted.

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33.	20.02.2024	The full details of the expenses incurred by former Director General Dee Forbes as listed in RTÉ's annual report. 2022 - €6,056; 2021 - €2,119; 2020 - €1,562; 2019 - €4,871; 2018 - €3,368. Please include any accompanying receipts or invoices provided by Ms Forbes when claiming the expenses.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
34.	20.02.2024	Detail of all expenses incurred by former RTÉ member of staff since 2019; include any invoices or receipts provided when claiming expenses. Also include any credit card statements if a credit card was provided by RTÉ.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
35.	20.02.2024	Information on why and who instructed persons on 'The Late Late Show' Friday 16th February 2024 to not wear any clothing representing Palestine firstly; secondly if they were also asked not to wear clothing supportive of Israel?	Member of the public.	Granted in part. RTÉ Journalism & Content Guidelines.
36.	28.02.2024	Updated request: Between: Kevin Bakhurst and former RTÉ staff members: correspondence related to Oireachtas committee hearings, the named individuals leaving the organisation and any subsequent conversations following their departures regarding exit packages and/or Oireachtas hearings ... include any and all correspondence between solicitors for all above mentioned parties.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
37.	21.02.2024	Records created on or after 1 July 2023 until 21 February 2024 relating to the cost of the so-called "Grant Thornton 3" investigation and report into the Toy Show Musical, or, in the alternative, copies of invoices from GT for their work.	Journalist.	Granted.

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38.	21.02.2024	A breakdown of costs for John Bruton's funeral on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 February 2024, between Óglaigh na hÉireann's services, Garda overtime and any costs for RTÉ.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
39.	23.02.2024	Copies of minutes of meetings of the Remuneration Committee held in 2023.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
40.	23.02.2024	Agenda, notification, documentation and minutes for the remuneration committee of the RTÉ board on October 9, 2023	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
41.	23.02.2024	Minutes taken at all meetings of the RTÉ Remuneration Committee since 2020.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
42.	26.02.2024	Copies of all email correspondence between the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and RTÉ's Company Secretary on February 22 and February 23 related to the exit package for former member of staff.	Journalist.	Granted.
43.	26.02.2024	Records citing how much RTÉ spent in total per year on independent programming in each of 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017. Please include a breakdown of total spend per year on the following programmes; Dancing with the Stars, Fair City, First Dates, The Late Late Show, KIN and Smother.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
44.	26.02.2024	From 1 January 2023-24 February 2024: Minutes of the meeting of remuneration committee of the board of RTÉ; Any briefing notes, correspondence, or documents relating to the latter. Any addition documents relating to the approval of exit payments circulated to members of the remuneration committee.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).

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45.	26.02.2024	From 1 January 2023-24 February 2024: RemCo reports to the Board; RemCo reports to the DG of RTÉ; Any briefing notes, correspondence, or documents relating to the latter.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
46.	27.02.2024	Information personal to the requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
47.	28.02.2024	From 1 January to date: copies of any complaints received by RTÉ with regard to spending controversies at the broadcaster and/or exit packages for senior executives.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
48.	28.02.2024	For the years 2019-2023: original copies of itemised credit card bills issued to RTÉ executives. NB please indicate which executive had each individual credit card issued to them alongside the records.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections:17(2); 32(1)(c).
49.	29.02.2024	Letter of resignation from the board of RTÉ of Board Member.	Journalist	Granted.
50.	05.03.2024	The most recent document setting out all of RTÉ's salary scales.	Member of staff.	Granted.
51.	05.03.2024	A copy of the Terms of Reference for the supervisory non-executive board of RTÉ, also known as the "RTÉ Board".	Journalist.	Granted.
52.	07.03.2024	Minutes of the RTÉ Audience Council 2023-2024	Journalist.	Granted.
53.	08.03.2024	A copy of the confidentiality agreement RTÉ Audience Council members were asked to sign at its inaugural meeting on 18 January 2024.	Member of the public.	Granted.

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54.	14.03.2024	Re: 'A New Direction for RTÉ' (B&A) on behalf of RTÉ: all instructions/details given by RTÉ to B&A in undertaking the public consultations: RTÉ's specification of the particulars of the methodological approach to be taken – re. processing, analysis, storage/ presentation of data pertaining to the responses of survey's open-ended or 'write-in' questions (re. understanding why responses were not subjected to more intensive qualitative analysis than thematic labelling of content, why RTÉ was not presented with more in-depth analysis of content than that available in published consultation report, and why the responses were electronically shredded.	Member of the public.	Handled outside of FOI.
55.	15.03.2024	I am requesting all information on monies spent by RTÉ in the past 10 (ten) years as part of RTÉ's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest - this includes participation fees, EBU membership fees, staging costs, flights, hotels etc.; all information on monies spent by RTÉ to carry out selections of acts for the Eurovision Song Contest for the past 10 (ten) years - this includes the Eurosong selection process, as well as internal selection processes; all information on monies spent by RTÉ in order to participate in the 2024 Eurovision Song Contest so far, and future projected costs. The amount of votes, as well as the amount of money taken in from votes in Eurosong 2014, 2015, 2022, 2023 and 2024 as well as each Eurovision Song Contest since 2014.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
56.	15.03.2024	Copies of: salary/allowance paid by RTÉ to Siún Ni Raghallaigh since her appointment as Chairperson; all travel and subsistence paid by RTÉ to Ms Ní Raghallaigh for same period; all payments made by RTÉ on behalf of Ms Ní Raghallaigh; all entertainment payments allowances paid by RTÉ or incurred by Ms Ní Raghallaigh; overseas travel paid by RTÉ or by Ms Ní Raghallaigh; visa cards/debit cards payments by Ms Ni Raghallaigh or RTÉ on her behalf. What are the outstanding payments /allowances due to Ms Ní Raghallaigh and not yet claimed.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).

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57.	25.03.2024	1. The total cost to RTÉ in euros of making the 2023 documentary “Dairy’s Dirty Secret”, and any financial records in relation to this documentary. 2. The records of approval/sign off or other similar approval records for filming this documentary and giving its go ahead. 3. The names of the individuals behind the proposal of this documentary, and the research or journalistic proposals to be approved by senior RTÉ management. 4. All correspondence between RTÉ and Dairy Co-ops whom RTÉ contacted in relation to this documentary. 5. All internal emails to named individual within RTÉ in relation to this documentary. 6. All external emails to same named individual in relation to this documentary.	Member of the public.	Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
58.	26.03.2024	The final/most up-to-date invoice for each of these reports: The Resolve Ireland report 2021, known as 'temperature check'. Grant Thornton 3 report into Toy Show the Musical. McCann Fitzgerald report into VEP 2017 and 2021. The 2023/24 national survey by Ipsos B&A Acumen Panel for RTÉ. The 2023/24 RED C study conducted for RTÉ. Employee survey delivered by RTÉ health and safety in December 2023. The Staff Governance Survey by Bob Semple. The review of role and gender equality at RTÉ by Kieran Mulvey in 2017. The Willis Towers Watson roles and grades review to date.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections:

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59.	28.03.2024	<p>All video recordings re removal of asylum seekers from area near International Protection Office, Mount Street, 16 March 2024: unedited/complete footage, encompassing any material not released to public/retained for future broadcast/documentary purposes. 1. Complete Unedited Footage: all raw, unedited video recordings taken capturing entire sequence of events including moments that were not part of any final broadcast edit. Unabridged footage showing interactions, operations, activities, providing view of event as it unfolded in real-time. 2. Additional Visual Material: any supplementary video material, behind-the-scenes footage, additional recordings re. event, irrespective of intended use in future broadcasts/documentary features. Photographs/digital images captured during event that offer further insight into circumstances. 3. Full Interviews and Discussions: original, uncut versions of any interviews, discussions/commentary recorded on the day, before editing for broadcast, to capture full context/content of these interactions. 4. Documentation of Editorial Decisions: any internal notes, memos, doc detailing editorial decisions re editing, omitting, withholding of specific footage from public broadcast.</p>	Business Interest / Third Party.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.</p>
60.	29.03.2024	<p>The anonymised dataset of the exit poll for the referendum on the Thirty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution, which was used to produce the statistics in the report "Thirty-sixth Amendment to the Constitution Exit Poll 25 May 2018" commissioned by RTÉ.</p>	Member of the public.	