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FOI No.	Date FOI Received	Freedom Of Information Request	Requester	Decision
61.	02.04.2024	Copy of Rentokil Field Biologist report to RTÉ.	Journalist	Withdrawn.
62.	03.04.2024	Documentation re. research carried out for/by RTÉ measuring audience/public trust - the key metrics measuring audience/public trust levels in RTÉ (1 March 2023-3 April 2024 incl), encompassing the periods before, during/after events of Summer 2023 in order to examine impacts of the period on public trust levels in RTÉ ((a) regularity with which RTÉ measures institutional trust, b) name of survey series, c) precise question(s) used to measure overall institutional trust, d) whether these correspond to audience perception measures in service of performance commitments contained in RTE's annual reports or e) whether this research is undertaken by RTÉ or by an external party on its behalf); seeking data re. institutional trust or confidence in RTÉ - or the best available proxies for same in their original format if possible and with accompanying demographic breakdowns where possible and reflecting the regularity with which data was gathered (monthly, bimonthly, etc.).	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 30(1)(b), 36(1). Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000.
63.	08.04.2024	The tender document for the RTÉ String Quartet in June 2013 (appeared in Journal of Music, 7 June 2013 & etenders file reference 74738.	Member of the public.	Granted.
64.	08.04.2024	Details/records of any payments made by RTÉ to a named training company from January 2014 to the present day.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
65.	09.04.2024	Information relating to RTÉ Executives' expenses (as recently released).	Journalist.	Granted.

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66.	12.04.2024	Figures showing how much RTÉ paid into the pensions and PRSAs of their executives between 2014 and 2024.	Member of Oireachtas.	Refused. Section 37(1).
67.	18.04.2024	The names and the individual votes of those on the Irish jury; the names and the individual votes of those on the international jury; raw number of votes received for each performing act in the Public vote.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
68.	19.04.2024	Between April 2016 and June 2023; list of all taxi journeys taken by/booked for former DG Dee Forbes; Receipts/invoices for all taxi journeys taken by/booked for Ms Forbes; confirmation of the total amount of money spent by RTE for taxis taken by/booked for Ms Forbes.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
69.	20.04.2024	All internal correspondence (and attachments), that have been sent by or received by Head of RTE Learn which reference a business school providing educational courses for staff in exchange for advertising between 2018 to 2024 to date. All correspondence (and attachments), memos, emails, contracts, minutes of meetings between Head of RTE Learn and the business school in relation to the contra agreement for educational courses for staff in exchange for airtime between 2018 to 2024 to date.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(b); 37(1).
70.	24.04.2024	The 'detailed response' from relevant RTE department with regard to point (i) 'clarification on RTÉ broadcast obligations under statute to NI' in point 3 of the Audience Council minutes 14 th March 2024 (which states would be circulated following the meeting); discussion paper on topic 'Public Service Broadcasting (PSB) and Trustworthiness' referred to in point 4 of the minute.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(b).

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71.	29.04.2024	Total amount of money spent by RTÉ on drama (inc. scripted comedy) for each year between 2010 and 2023; a breakdown of the total amount into following categories: 1. Drama from the IPU/RTÉ Television & Independent Commissions; 2. Co-produced drama from RTÉ Acquisitions department; 3. Irish Drama bought by RTÉ, but not commissioned or co-produced by RTÉ.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
72.	02.05.2024	Data of viewing figures and overall percentage of audience share for broadcasts of Leaders' speeches at: People Before Profit Conference March 29th, 2022; People Before Profit Conference September 23rd, 2023; Sinn Féin Ard Fheis November 5th, 2022; Sinn Fein Ard Fheis November 11th, 2023; Social Democrats Conference June 11th, 2022; Social Democrats Conference February 17th, 2024; Labour Party Conference March 25th, 2023; Labour Party Conference March 23rd, 2024; Fine Gael Ard Fheis November 19th, 2022; Fine Gael National Conference November 18th, 2023; Fine Gael Ard Fheis 6th April, 2024; Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis October 1st, 2022; Fianna Fáil Ard Feis November 4th, 2023; Fianna Fáil Ard Fheis April 13th, 2024; Green Party Conference November 26th, 2022; Green Party Conference October 21st, 2023; Green Party Conference April 20th, 2024; A copy of RTÉ's policy on which political party conferences get live broadcast coverage. Copies of any complaints sent by political parties over RTÉ's policy on the live broadcast of party conferences between 1/1/2023 and 1/5/2024.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a).
73.	02.05.2024	A record of costs, broken down in as much detail as possible, associated with coverage of the Ardfheiseanna of any political party in the period 1 Jan 2024 to date; copies of any correspondence between RTÉ and any of the political parties with regard to costs or technical aspects of coverage of their Ardfheiseanna during the same period.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a).

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74.	13.05.2024	Documents related to: 1. the public vote for the Eurovision Song Contest 2024 that detail a numerical and percentage breakdown of the votes cast for each country; 2. the dates/times/methods individual public votes were submitted regarding the above; 3. breaking down the method used for submitting votes by country (use of Eurovision app etc) regarding the above (by both percentage and overall figure); 4. the number of rejected votes regarding the above, with reasons as to why they were rejected (submitted late, vote for own country etc).	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
75.	13.05.2024	A breakdown of Ireland's public vote for the grand final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2024, including (if possible) the raw number of votes cast for each act, the means through which such votes were cast (i.e. phone/SMS/online), and the number of transactions processed for online votes for each act.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a).
76.	14.05.2024	Appendix B of Mazars report: Records of receipts/bills linked to following transactions; invoice numbers linked to the transactions. (1) 16/02/2017 E2475 RTÉ_Powerscourt_010217 Restaurant €3,801; (2). 31/05/2017 E2552 RTÉ_3 Arena Jenny Greene_250417 Concert - Client Events €25,693; (3). 31/07/2017 E2594 RTÉ_Fade Street_270717 Restaurant €13,388; (4) 31/08/2017 E2603 RTÉ_Twenty_2_300817 Restaurant €5,162; (5) 30/04/2018 100081 RTÉ_Baxter Storey_250418 Restaurant €3,266; (6) 31/07/2018 101318 RTÉ_Fade Street_030718 Restaurant €3,482; (7) 31/07/2018 101409 RTÉ_James Madigan_170718 Restaurant €9,113; (8) 31/01/2019 104410 RTÉ_Fade Street_290518 Restaurant €3,429; (9) 31/05/2019 105734 RTÉ_Pestana; Madrid_080519 Hotel €26,577; (10) 31/08/2019 107216 RTÉ_Hotels.com_120819 Hotel €47,021. (11) 31/12/2019 109091 RTÉ_Hotels.com_031219 Hotel €3,567.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(b) and 37(1).

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77.	06.05.2024	All company names and amount of total fees RTÉ paid per company, per year, in which the fees are for the services of individual(s) i.e. a TV presenter's fee being paid through a production company (6 May 2019-6 May 2024)	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) - as a result of Section 12(1)(b).
78.	14.05.2024	Copy of Rentokil Field Biologist report.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 37(1).
79.	15.05.2024	Brand and Reputation Tracker (Red C) survey: headline/aggregated results, in overall % terms, of two specific elements of the encompassing quarterly results from the period 1st March 2023 to 1st May 2024 inclusive. The data sought pertains to survey results which correspond to questions asked to measure two elements of RTE's performance commitments: Part 6 'Protect the future of PSM'; f) Maintain public perception that RTÉ is valuable to Irish society 85%; g) Maintain public perception that RTÉ is trustworthy 75% (receive the raw figures by quarter for each of the two questions, or included in a wider document with redactions as appropriate.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 30(1)(b); 36(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
80.	15.05.2024	The minutes of all board meetings of 'GAAGo' since 1 January 2023; Any correspondence between Kevin Bakhurst, the DG, and GAAGo since 1 July 2023.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(a), (b) and (c).
81.	20.05.2024	All documents relating to establishing/setting out criteria for candidates to qualify for debates being held by RTÉ for 2024 European Parliament elections. All records of communication relating to establishing/setting out criteria for candidates to qualify for debates being held by RTÉ for 2024 European Parliament elections	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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82.	20.05.2024	All invoices from Arthur Cox solicitors to RTÉ for work on cases of misclassification of workers; appealing decisions from the Department of Social Protection's Scope section between 2021 and to date in 2024. All invoices from Arthur Cox solicitors to RTÉ from June 2023 to date in 2024.	Journalist.	Granted in part.
83.	21.05.2024	For the last two years to date: all records and correspondence held by RTE in relation to: Uptake, profit & subscriptions to GAAGO; Complaints from the public about GAAGO; any/all concerns and considerations about GAAGO and the CCPC.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1); 30; 31; 36(1)(a), (b) and (c); 37(1).
84.	21.05.2024	Details of the complaints received to RTE about 'Bambie Thug' and Ireland in the Eurovision from January 26th until May 20th, 2024. Can RTÉ provide me with details of the nature of the complaints please?	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
85.	29.05.2024	From 1 Jan 2024 - 25 May 2024: the amount of money spent on goods, services, food or other from the following companies: AXA Insurance, Puma, Carrefour, Caltex, Siemens, Hewlett Packard, Chevron, RE/MAX, Texaco, AHAVA, SodaStream, McDonalds, Domino's, Burger King, Papa John's, Wix.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
86.	30.05.2024	All records available to RTE concerning the votes cast by members of the Irish public in the Eurovision Song Contest 2024. In particular I am seeking to understand the exact number of votes cast in favour of each entry and the number of telephone numbers that voted more than once and which entries were voted for by voters who cast multiple votes. Any records which will assist in this can be considered in scope.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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87.	31.05.2024	The number of correspondences made to RTE, broken down by email and phone calls relating to the exclusion of Susan Doyle & Ruairi Hearne from 'Prime Time' debates in May 2024 inclusive; the number of complaints made to RTE, broken down by email and phone calls relating to the exclusion of named election candidate from 'Prime Time' Debates in May 2024 inclusive.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 37(1).
88.	05.06.2024	In 2024: Complaints made against 'Operation Transformation'; the editorial review of the programme; correspondence between the commissioning editor of RTE and Managing Director at Vision Independent Productions relating to the cancellation of 'Operation Transformation'.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
89.	06.06.2024	All records relating to complaints/correspondence from the Moroccan embassy: to the News section; the Director General; the RTÉ Complaints office dated between 23 May 2024-3 June 2024.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
90.	15.06.2024	The bank statements of the RTÉ staff credit card in relation to spending at a content conference hosted in LA last month.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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91.	19.06.2024	<p>From 1 January 2023 to date: 1. Any RTÉ board minutes on scope/conclusions of the Eversheds Sutherland report of 2018 on bogus self-employment issue/any estimated/actual RTÉ financial liabilities arising from same; 2. any reports/updated guidance to RTÉ board (or Audit & Risk/Remuneration & Management Development subcommittees) from RTÉ's Executive management (or RTÉ's Financial officer/Office of CFO) on bogus self-employment issue and any estimated/actual RTÉ financial liabilities arising from same; 3. any advice to RTÉ board (or Audit & Risk/Remuneration & Management Development subcommittees) from external financial advisers or legal counsel; 4. Any correspondence on bogus self-employment issue between RTÉ chairwoman/chairman and Minister for Media/her Department (PO level or above); and any reports or updated guidance on the same topic; 5. Any correspondence in that period on the bogus self-employment issue between RTÉ chair and the Minister for Social Protection or Department (at PO level or above); any reports or updated guidance on same topic; 6. Any correspondence copied to RTÉ on same topic between Minister for Media/Department (PO level or above) and Minister for Social Protection/Department (PO level or above). This request excludes any records setting out arrangements or the making of arrangements for the timing or location of any meetings.</p>	Journalist.	<p>Granted in part.</p> <p>Sections: 15(1)(a); 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(b) and (c); 36(1).</p>
92.	21.06.2024	<p>A record of a) the total number of car parking spaces currently available to staff in the Dublin City Council area. b) the number of car parking spaces currently owned by your public body. c) the number of car parking spaces currently leased by your public body. d) the number of car parking spaces currently provided to your public body by the OPW.</p>	Member of the public.	Granted.
93.	24.06.2024	<p>The overall funding provided by a named company to RTE for advertising on 'X' during the European Championship 2024.</p>	Member of the Oireachtas.	<p>Refused.</p> <p>Section 36(1)(b) and (c).</p>

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94	25.06.2024	A copy of any records held referring or relating to the recent decision by the Russian state to block access to RTÉ and its platforms within Russia.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
95.	25.06.2024	The ratings achieved for every single programme of 'The Late Late Show', 'Fair City', 'Prime Time', and 'Nationwide' for the year 2023.	Journalist.	Granted.
96.	25.06.2024	Any records that outline or list the additional financial details have been provided in a separate document to the Minister, New ERA and Coimisiún na Meán as part of the 'A New Direction' strategy process.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b); 30(1)(b) and (c); 36(1)(b) and (c).