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124.	02.10.2024	From 1 Sept 2023-1 Oct 2024: copy of any correspondence between RTÉ & DPC and Dept TC with regard to the publication of its most recent 'top ten' earner lists (Jan '24 publication); copy of any records held referring or relating to any concerns over data protection/processing of personal information arising from publication of above list.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
125.	07.09.2024	Any information in the possession or procurement of RTÉ or any of the persons employed there in relation to the interaction between those who prepared and worked on the programmes listed at 1-3 inclusive and those persons who participated in the programmes. 1. The RTÉ 'Liveline' programme broadcast on 22 January 2024. 2. RTÉ 'Prime Time'. 3. The RTÉ 'Late Late Show' broadcast on 2 February 2024.	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
126.	07.09.2024	1. Copies of communications between the DPC and RTÉ in 2024, in relation to the data protection rights/concerns of RTÉ Employees & copies of internal records within RTÉ in relation to the communications. 2. Records in RTÉ in re. a data protection complaint lodged by requestor (1) with RTÉ Data Protection Office/Officer and (2) subsequently lodged with DPC against RTÉ for alleged breach of requestor's data protection rights.	Member of the public	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(4); 15(1)(i)(I); 30(1)(c) and 37(1).
127.	08.10.2024	All expenses claimed by named staff member between 1 Jan 2017-31 Dec 2023: copies of credit card receipts submitted by named staff member for the same period.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument 115 of 2000 (Sch 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5).
128.	08.10.2024	A breakdown of pays scales for RTÉ 2FM presenters for the last five years (8 Oct 2019-8 Oct 2024): Correspondence between RTÉ Director General and Head of 2fm relating to the exodus of 2FM presenters between 01/05/2024 – 01/09/2024.	Journalist.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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129.	08.11.2024	No. of employees hired by RTÉ between 13/09/2023 and 31/09/2024; a breakdown of permanent vs temporary staff; the range of roles RTÉ hired for.	Journalist	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
130.	08.11.2024	Between 1 July 2023-31 Sept 2024: a monthly breakdown of how much RTÉ has spent on gifts for/entertaining commercial clients/media partners.	Journalist.	Granted.
131.	10.09.2024	1. Any information concerning, ' <i>named individuals</i> ' and RTÉ Solicitors and others on a date in 2022, in relation to agreeing to the manufacture of two false invoices for consultancy Services, concerning two payments of 75000 Euro made to a company connected to a named individual, from the funds of RTÉ a statutory corporation. 2. Any information concerning, ' <i>named individuals</i> ' and RTÉ Solicitors and others on a date in 2022, in relation to agreeing to the manufacture of two false invoices for consultancy Services, concerning a payment of a sum of money not in excess of 80,760 Euro made to a company connected to an individual from the funds of RTÉ a statutory corporation. 3. Any information concerning, ' <i>named individuals</i> ' and Solicitors for RTÉ and others in 2022 in relation to two payments of 75000 Euro to a named individual or a company connected to him. 4. Any information concerning, ' <i>named individuals</i> ' and others on a date in 2022, in relation to falsely describing invoices as consultancy Services. 5. Any information concerning, ' <i>named individuals</i> ' and others between 1 January 2022 and 1 July 2023, in relation to making use of falsified invoices for consultancy Services. 6. Any information concerning a named individual and others on a date between 1 January 2022 and 6 July 2023, in relation to approving within the accounts of RTÉ a statutory corporation, false invoices for consultancy Services.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of Section 12(1)(b).

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132.	14.10.2024	How many complaints RTÉ received following the airing of the 'Prime Time' special about the riots in Coolock.	Member of the public	Refused. SI 115 of 2000.
133.	17.10.2024	Re. letter from RTÉ Solicitor's Office to the requestor: request for records which show 1. The name/work title of RTÉ person who sent email to requestor (16/10/2024) and 2. name/work title of RTÉ person who sent the letter (17/10/2024).	Member of the public	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 31.
134.	21.10.2024	10-part personal request in relation to a previous FOI request from requestor for personal information.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
135.	21.10.2024	21 Oct 2014 - 21 Oct 2024: the numbers on the viewership of News broadcasts that are aimed at young people. i.e. News2Day. 2. Results from any research that is put into getting young people to engage with broadcasts of this type (if such information exists). 3. Numbers on viewership of the regular news broadcasts (6:01, etc.) 4. Statistics on the age demographic that are watching these broadcasts (within the last decade).	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
136.	23.10.2024	Personal information regarding the requestor.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
137.	30.10.2024	Any correspondence, including but not limited to emails, letters, meeting notes, or minutes, received by RTÉ from embassies, government entities, officials, or representatives advocating on behalf of the State of Israel. Any documentation (preferably in digital format/PDFs/scans etc), either formal or informal, of lobbying efforts made by such entities or their affiliated representatives.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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138.	29.10.2024	Between 1 Jan 2023-30 Oct 2024: detailed information re TV commissions by RTÉ, specifically re. companies based in Cork city & county; request the following information in summary form (total figures as applicable): 1. Commissioned Programs Excluding Third-Party Funding. Summary of total number of TV programmes commissioned by RTÉ from companies located in Cork city & county that received no 3rd party funding, specifically excluding programs supported or by Coimisiún na Meán/those commissioned under sponsorship agreements - request total number of programmes commissioned during this timeframe; do not require titles/financial details, unless feasible within bounds of commercial sensitivity . 2. Programmes receiving 3 rd Party Funding (Including Coimisiún na Meán): summary of total number of programs commissioned by RTÉ from companies in Cork city & county that received 3rd party funding, inc. from Coimisiún na Meán/any other relevant third-party funding sources; request only aggregate figures re companies & commissioned programs within Cork county - no need for programme titles/financial specifics.	Member of the public	Granted.
139.	30.10.2024	A copy of the DPIA carried out by RTÉ re. proposals for the publication of a register of external activities.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 29(1). Subsequently released outside of FOI.
140.	06.11.2024	1. Copies of expenses submitted by staff (ie. reporter, producer/camera person(s)) who worked on 'Inside The Protests' broadcast: include copies of receipts. 2. Invoices/ receipts/ expenses claims for all hotel rooms hired by staff of 'RTÉ Investigates' unit since January 1st, 2024. 3. Copies of expenses claims submitted by members of 'RTÉ Investigates' unit since September 1st, 2024.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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141.	07.11.2024	1. How many members of the RTÉ newsroom were sent to the US to cover the presidential election? 2. How many production staff were sent with said newsroom members? 3. What was the total cost expended on this ridiculous overkill-to include flights, accommodation, taxis, office space etc.?	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
142.	08.11.2024	To establish if following art works are held in RTÉ's Art Collection and if not, what is status of such artworks. 'Three clowns' Oil on canvas by George Campbell 1962. Purchased through the Arts council; 'Horseman pass by' oil painting by Patrick Hennessy 1965; 'Christ before Pilate' Oil painting John Kelly; 'Massing of the armies' Tapestry by Louis le Brocquy; ' Horan prints ' Views of Dublin; "Lithographs" "James Joyce Dubliners" x 4 by Louis Le Brocquy; 'Basket of Apples' oil painting by Carey Clarke.	Member of the public.	Granted.
143.	11.11.2024	Records relating to the requestor and their business activities.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
144.	11.11.2024	Records relating to the requestor and their business activities.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
145.	11.11.2024	Copies of all successful applications for tickets to 'The Late Late Toy Show' over the past five years. Specifically, information that includes application responses (excl information that would identify individual applicants).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a)

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146.	04.11.2024	Has GAAGO the approval of the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission? B. Who are the directors of GAAGO what they are being paid and what are their terms of office. C. Has anyone resigned from the board of GAAGO? If so, who are they, and what was their severance package? D. What are the viewership figures for GAAGO per game for 2022/23/24? E. How much did GAAGO earn and spend in 2022/23/24 and what are the projected figures for future years?	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(d); 36(1).
147.	12.11.2024	Information/clarification relating to 'RTÉ Investigates - Inside the Protests'.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
148.	12.11.2024	The initial correspondence extended by RTÉ to the leaders of the ten political parties invited to participate on 29 November 2024 general election debate/interviews, between October to date.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(d).
149.	14.11.2024	Copies of complaints sent to RTÉ by members of the public about the RTÉ Player from 1 September to 14 November 2024; also seeking internal RTÉ correspondence within the same time period related to efforts to improve the functionality of the service.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
150.	18.11.2024	The number of RTÉ staff who faced disciplinary action from 01/01/2000 to date for not having a TV licence, broken down by year. The number of staff dismissed and reason for dismissal, and the number of complaints of bullying and sexual harassment received from 01/01/2020 to date.	Journalist.	Granted in part Sections: 15(1); S. 37(1).

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151.	20.11.2024	From 01/01/2024: any correspondence received by or forwarded on to the Director General or the Board of RTÉ from TDs, senators or their staff. From 01/01/2024: TV: The amount paid to guests for appearances; the amount spent on travel and accommodation for guests; the amount spent on wardrobe for presenters: The Late Late Show (including The Late Late Toy Show, The Tommy Tiernan Show, Dancing with the Stars, Today with Maura and Daithi, The Sunday Game, Prime Time, RTÉ News (six one and 9pm). Radio: Today with Claire Byrne, Morning Ireland, Brendan O'Connor, The Ray Darcy Show, Oliver Callan, Drivetime, Sunday with Miriam.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: S. 35(1)(a); S. 42. SI 115 of 2000.
152.	27.11.2024	From 14/01/2020 - 8/02/2020 and from 08/11/2024 - 27/11/2024: the communication from members of Fine Gael or those acting on their behalf to RTÉ: and the content of which is strictly in relation to media that is about the coverage of political parties, not just Fine Gael, during those dates - ie. if a member of Fine Gael asking for or about a story to be published about them or another party/party member etc. (example of which is recent story of FG rep contacting RTÉ to add context to a story).	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of S. 12(1)(b).
153.	28.11.2024	A list/spreadsheet/database of the 106 "approved activities" from RTÉ Register External Activities, Q2 2024: should include name of person, approved activity, whether a payment was made, payment size category as used in official register.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36; 37(1).
154.	29.11.2024	Details of all contact between RTÉ staff & Fine Gael (inc. party's reps, agents and/or representatives) 1st November 2024 to present - includes dates of contact/details of tele discussions, corres and/or minutes of meetings between both organisations and/or the organisations' reps and/or agents	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of S. 12(1)(b).

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155.	03.12.2024	Complaints made about 'The 2 Johnnies' on RTÉ 2FM in relation to their catfish episode and whether it should impact their employment at RTÉ.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1); S. 37(1).
156.	09.12.2024	How many allegations of sexual harassment have been received by RTÉ in relation to RTÉ employees / subcontractors since 2014; Please also include: Allegations that refer to 'inappropriate sexual conduct' / 'sexual harassment' / 'sexual assault'. What (if any) investigations were conducted (eg under a Duty of respect or Right to Dignity policy etc). Or if any of these incidents were referred to An Garda Síochana; Whether disciplinary action had been taken; If any of the allegations were subsequently withdrawn; please provide the information broken down by year, where possible, without identifying any individual.	Journalist.	Granted.
157.	09.12.2024	Info re decisions & processes surrounding production of doc about Fintan O'Toole. Specifically: 1. Rationale for selection: docs/corres/reports detailing rationale selecting 'Fintan O'Toole: A Life in Our Times'; records of meetings, discussions/comms. (email, letters, internal memos) that include deliberations on why individual chosen, why given priority over alternative subjects. 2. Decision-Making Process: minutes of meetings, project proposals, approval docs outlining process by which decision to create doc. made. Names/titles of individuals/committees involved in final decision (excl personal data protected by Act). 3. Costing & Finance: overall budget allocated, inc detailed cost breakdowns (e.g. production, research, marketing); financial assessments, cost-benefit analyses, funding requests presented as part of decision-making process; Info on public funding/sponsorships contributing to budget. 4. Public Interest Justification: documents/records highlighting how documentary aligns with organisation's mission/public interest goals; audience research, surveys, data collected that may have been used to support decision. 5. Alternative Options Considered: records of alternative topics/individuals considered for similar doc projects during same decision-making period; documentation explaining why other options were not pursued. 6. Evaluation & Approval: info on how documentary's success, impact, return on investment will be evaluated.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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158.	06.12.2024	Copies of all correspondence between reps. of RTÉ & reps. of Fianna Fáil or Fine Gael re RTÉ's news coverage from 1 January 2019-to date. For the purposes of this request: RTÉ reps incl individuals holding the following roles: RTÉ Directors-General, members of Executive Board, members of RTÉ's press office/comms team/RTÉ news editors. Fianna Fáil & Fine Gael reps include TDs, Senators, party leaders, parliamentary assistants, press officers, or senior party officials. Corres includes emails, SMS text, WhatsApp and Signal.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) as a result of S. 12(1)(b).
159.	12.12.2024	All records relating to the requestor – personal.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1); 37(1).
160.	12.12.2024	Copies of all records in RTÉ in relation to a complaint requestor had submitted (include any relevant records in the DG's office, the Data Protection Office, RTÉ Complaints and RTÉ Solicitor's Office and copies of communications between RTÉ and the Commission).	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(i)(i).
161.	16.12.2024	Aggregate numbers of responses in favour and against (cannabis legalisation) to your 'Drivetime' segment "Is cannabis legalisation a mistake", along with the names of any politicians involved in organising or suggesting the segment (emails, texts, WhatsApp messages).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.