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31.	14.04.2025	All correspondence related to the buildings on RTÉ campus with academics and conservationists in the past 12 months (original wording: correspondence related to the buildings on RTÉ campus with developers, architects, academics and conservationists in the past 12 months).	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
32.	01.04.2025	A datadump/spreadsheet/record of the RTÉ financial management system where it relates to the purchase of items of cosmetics, makeup, or other such products. This record to cover the period 1 Jan 2023 to date of receipt of the request.	Journalist.	Granted.
33.	10.04.2025	A copy of the material made available in response to the following FOIs received in 2024: FOI no 98; FOI no 99; FOI 112; FOI 104;	Journalist.	Granted.
34.	14.04.2025	A list of the TV programmes currently on RTÉ Player which cannot be watched by viewers in Northern Ireland. For each programme, please disclose: name of the show or broadcast; no. of episodes unavailable (geoblocked) to viewers in Northern Ireland. 2. For the year 2024, a list of the TV programmes that had been placed on RTÉ Player but which were unavailable (geoblocked) to viewers in Northern Ireland. For each programme, please disclose: name of the show or broadcast; no. of episodes unavailable (geoblocked) to viewers in Northern Ireland.	Member of the public.	Granted.
35.	14.04.2025	Brand and Reputation Tracker ('Red C') survey: a record of survey findings from 2024 that show breakdown, by available demographic characteristics (specifically those relating to age group, gender, region and socio-economic characteristics), of 1 (d) Grow public perception that RTÉ provides trusted N&CA (% agree), and 5 (b) Grow public perception that RTÉ is trustworthy (% agree).	Member of the public.	Granted.

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36.	25.04.2025	On April 23rd 2025, RTE.ie featured a video ('Featured Video' Section) – of a person speaking of experiences of sexual abuse - I would like records relating to: Policy/procedure for how videos become featured videos; any records of requests to have the video included in featured feed; any records of requests to update the video on that date.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
37.	28.04.2025	The most recent report, presentation and/or briefing document outlining or summarising: the results of the ERP Finance and HR Project; any concerns, problems and/or the reasons for the failure to deliver the HR modules of the ERP project. A tabular breakdown of the financial loss or impairment per year throughout the project due to the failure to deliver the HR modules of the ERP project.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(1)b & c; 31(1).
38.	28.04.2024	Copies of inspection reports/service reports/ all other doc. inc invoices provided by pest control companies in re. services supplied to RTÉ for past 6 months for work at Montrose complex (28 Oct 2024-28 April 2025). 2. Total amount paid to pest control companies, contractors for goods/services supplied during same period.	Journalist.	Granted.
39.	29.04.2025	Records held regarding requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(i)(i); 36(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
40.	02.05.2025	A copy of the EY review of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project; Any briefings on project impairments provided to any CFO and/or DG in place during the lifetime of ERP project; copy of any update reports, briefings or presentations on ERP project delivered to audit and risk committee or the full board during lifetime of project; copy of sections of minutes of full board meetings which discussed the ERP project between January 2019 and Dec 2021.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(1)b & c; 31(1).
41.	02.05.2025	Any internal audits of the IT project referred to in report: 'RTÉ confirms €3.6m write down on partly abandoned IT project.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(a).

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42.	06.05.2025	Copy of the first briefing, letter, email or memo for the former DG Dee Forbes and also for the current DG with details of the Finance and HR IT project which had an impairment of circa €3.6m. Part 2: the following records since 15 February 2025: any internal correspondence (including attachments) to/from DG Bakhurst concerning the Finance and HR IT project [ERP project]; any correspondence (including attachments) to/from DG Mr Bakhurst and the chair of the RTÉ board concerning the Finance and HR IT project [ERP project]; presentations and minutes of any internal meetings involving DG Bakhurst and/or the chair of the RTÉ board concerning the Finance and HR IT project [ERP project].	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1)(1)b & c; 31(1).
43.	06.05.2025	A full breakdown of the moneys lost to the IT system; all companies engaged in the IT project.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(b)&(c)
44.	07.05.2025	Between 1 Jan 2020-31 Dec 2022: copies of emails (including attachments) with BearingPoint Ireland concerning any potential or confirmed settlement with the company related to the ERP Project; copies of any legal letters sent to/from BearingPoint Ireland concerning any potential or confirmed settlement with the company related to the ERP Project.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 34(4).
45.	08.05.2025	A copy of the Ernst and Young report which was presented to RTÉ Board's Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 20 April 2023. 2. A copy of the minutes of RTÉ Board's Audit and Risk Committee on 20 April 2023, and 27 April 2023.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b) & (c);37(1)
46.	12.05.2025	A list of all companies contracted to provide satellite services to the national broadcaster. Please include when the contract began and how much it is worth; any companies that have provided satellite services on a one-off or freelance basis in the last 24 months.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(b).

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47.	12.05.2025	A copy of the Ernst & Young report into the ERP project presented to the RTÉ Board's Audit and Risk Committee at meeting on 20th April 2023.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section: 36(1)(a).
48.	15.05.2025	Re. Niamh Brennan's report (Experts) on RTE it says in Chapter 5.1.3 that the board is required to give attestations. In particular, it says that the Chair is required to make 'attestations in the 'Chair's annual Comprehensive Report to the Minister concerning compliance with the requirements of the State Code'. Could you possibly confirm that this has been done by all the Chairs in the last ten years? Could you possibly provide me with a copy of the Chair's Comprehensive Reports dating back to 2014?	Member of the public.	Granted.
49.	16.05.2025	A copy of communications (emails, letters, other documents) exchanged internally within RTÉ referring to the Liveline shows of either or any or all of the dates of June 9th, 10th, and 13th 2022 (which centred around gender identity and the word 'woman') and that were sent/received between June 9th and June 14th 2022 inclusive; also request a copy of communications from/to the NUJ branch or members (including the NUJ LGBT+ network) relating to the same shows and in the same time period.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
50.	19.05.2025	Re. 'Eurovision Song Contest 2025': information as to who the jury chosen to represent Ireland are, how they were selected to represent Ireland and how their points were assigned.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a)
51.	19.05.2025	A copy of the verification process conducted on 17th of May of Irelands Public Votes for Eurovision 2025.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a)

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52.	19.05.2025	'Eurovision Song Contest 2025': a list of members of Irish jury, their voting scores, any information regarding the processes followed, safeguards in place, the date in which the voting took place. For the public voting, I am requesting overall number of public votes received (via phone and via text message for each country in the 'Eurovision 2025 Contest'), total combined votes for each country for the public vote in Eurovision 2025 by the Irish public, a list of safeguards in place for verification of votes, details around due diligence process for confirmation of votes for public voting, confirmation if voting was confirmed to have been undertaken correctly (with no external influence); any concerns raised internally in regard to potential vote tampering for both Eurovision 2024 and Eurovision 2025.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a)
53.	19.05.2025	Eurovision Song Contest 2025: Viewing figures for each of SF2 and Final (peak and average); 2. Absolute volume of televotes per act in each of SF2 and Final by the Irish public; 3. Percentage split of televotes per act by text /online/phone.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(a)
54.	19.05.2025	Any dataset of electronic votes (call, text, and webapp channels) made available to RTÉ by the EBU from the last 5 Eurovision Song Contests (years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
55.	20.05.2025	Details of costs - for flights, hotels, venue rental and transport costs- associated with RTÉ's coverage of the death of Pope Francis and election of Pope Leo from April 21, 2025, to May 11 2025	Member of the public.	Granted.
56.	22.05.2025	1 May 2025 to date: All correspondence and replies between Kevin Bakhurst and Michael Kealy which relate to the vote for Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest.	Member of staff.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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57.	22.05.2025	1 May 2025 to date. All correspondence between RTÉ and the EBU which relate to the vote for Israel in the Eurovision Song Contest.	Member of staff.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
58.	22.05.2025	All Correspondence between Kevin Bakhurst and an individual in the EBU which relate to Israel's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest.	Member of staff.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
59.	22.05.2025	All correspondence between RTÉ management and Eurovision judges which relate to the vote for Israel in the Eurovision song contest. Such correspondence to cover the period from 1 May 2025 to date.	Member of staff.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
60.	22.05.2025	A breakdown of the amount spent by RTE on external PR contracts for each of the last three years - I would like this broken down by division (e.g. RTE Board's PR costs).	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
61.	23.05.2025	From 1st Jan 2020 to date: records held which detail sponsorship payment/similar commercial arrangements made by pharmaceutical companies: names of pharmaceutical companies, amount and nature of each sponsorship or commercial payment; dates of agreements or payments; purpose or context of sponsorship (e.g. linked to a specific programme, campaign, or event).	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b) and (c).
62.	26.05.2025	A total cost breakdown to date on the new promotional advertisement being worked on to highlight the work of journalists within its RTÉ News & Current Affairs division.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a) – <i>projected</i> cost released.

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63.	27.05.2025	Any correspondence and/or memorandums which mention the National Party and/or a named individual between 1 July 2023 to 31 May 2024.	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
64.	27.05.2025	Any correspondence and/or memorandums which mention the National Party and/or a named individual between 1 December 2024 to date in 2025.	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
65.	29.05.2025	1 Jan 2018: 1. Most up-to-date summary, overview/briefing report on any project(s) to build/implement channel management system by either Arvato Systems and/or MediaGenix; 2. Any lessons learned document(s) from any project(s) to implement CMS by Arvato Systems and/or MediaGenix; 3. Any project update reports for Board, ARC, or Exec team re planned implementation of Arvato's BMS Avatega system; 4. An unredacted copy of any document(s) sent to Department of Media with details of CMS in response to its recent request for details of projects with spend over 500k (.. financial details of overspend/impairment associated with this project were revealed at Oireachtas Media Committee 28 May by CFO should clear the way for this information to be released unredacted]. Period: 1 March 2025-present.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)a; 36(1)(b) and (c).
66.	30.05.2025	1 January 2024: 1. most up-to-date summary, progress/update report on any project(s) to build/implement the OneMediaShare project; 2. most recent briefing for senior executive staff and/or the Board on OneMediaShare project; 3. Any lessons learned document(s) from any project(s) to build/ implement OneMediaShare project.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(b) & (c); 30(1)(b)& (c); 32(1)(c); 36(1)(b) & (c).
67.	30.05.2025	From 1 April 2025 to date: Datadump/spreadsheet/record of RTÉ financial management system where it relates to expenditure incurred during funeral of Pope Francis and election of Pope Leo.	Journalist.	Granted.

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68.	03.06.2025	<p>(1) Details of grades for persons employed in roles of (a) internal audit executives and (b) risk management executives and if these are split between same individuals, please furnish a rough indication of proportionate amount of time involved between two roles. (2) Please specify if the role in chief internal audit executive and chief risk executive are separate roles (which would constitute best corporate governance practice) or combined roles. (3) Details of membership of professional accountancy bodies and other quals such as Chartered Membership of Institute Internal Auditors, internal audit, risk management/corporate governance. (4) If membership of Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors, please specify following designations (Chartered Member qualification (CMIIA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) or Affiliate Membership of Institute. (5) Copies of terms of reference/service level agreement for roles of chief internal audit and risk management executives. (6) Indicate if internal audit and risk management functions are subject to externally qualified independent 3rd party assessor without any potential conflict of interest of involvement with other functions for RTE. If independent third-party assessment of these functions have been carried out within past 5 years, furnish copy of most recent assessment available. (7) Name of staff rep as non-exec member of Board, &amp; details of quals in professional accountancy/internal audit, risk mgmt &amp; corp gov. (8) What is process for selection of board members NED's of RTE. How it determines there is appropriate balance of appropriate skill sets &amp; balances amongst board members to ensure adequacy of systems of internal control (including financial management), risk management &amp; corporate governance. (9) Does Board carry out annual assessment of its performance - furnish copy of most recent report. (10) Copies of terms of reference of Service Level Agreements for internal audit &amp; risk management functions. (11) Copies of current plans for internal audit &amp; risk management which have been approved by Board Chairman &amp; Director General. (12) Details of assessments carried out on internal audit &amp; risk management plans for years 2022-2024. [Copies of actual reports are not being sought]. (13) Does Chairperson of Audit and Risk Management Committee submit reports to Board on the assessment, if so, please furnish copies for years of 2022-2024. (14) If Department of TCAGSM are furnished with copies of documentation referred to above - please furnish details under the various headings. [Names not being sought].(15) Details of training courses on internal control (including financial management), risk management/ corporate governance attended by staff members (with grades involved) during the years 2022-2024. (16) Does RTE have a Protected Whistleblower's Disclosure Policy, if so please furnish details how many such disclosures have been made by staff for 2022-2024 and provide brief summary on operations of process in practice.</p>	Member of the public.	<p>Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b) and (c); 37(1).</p>

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69.	03.06.2025	Most up-to-date monthly list of significant capital projects sent to or examined by Leadership team (mentioned at the Media Committee on 28/5/2025); 2. Any presentations, briefing/ summaries of projects provided with the latest list; 3. Minutes of any meetings of Leadership team at which latest list was discussed.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 36(1)(b)&(c); 30(1)(b)&(c); 29(1)(a)&(b).
70.	03.06.2025	Minutes of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project steering group from September 2016 to April 2023 (time period covers approval of project through to presentation of EY report).	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(c).
71.	04.06.2025	Copy of presentation by Internal Audit into ERP project for the ARC of RTÉ board sometime in H1 of 2023 or H2 of 2022 (presentation referenced at Board meeting April 27 2023).	Journalist.	Refused. Sections 15(1)(i)(i).
72.	04.06.2025	All correspondence, memos, reports, and any other documents relating to the decision to allow commercial advertisements on RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta.	Journalist	Granted in part. Sections: 29(1)(a) & (b), 30(1)(b)&(c); 36(1)(b)& (c), 37(1).
73.	13.06.2025	A copy of all correspondence from RTÉ employees that led to 7th May statement issued by K Bakhurst about the Eurovision Song Contest. Copies of correspondence of lobbying from outside and internal sources as well as internal correspondence about the decision to ask for a discussion on Israel's participation in the Eurovision Contest. I also want all drafts of the May 7th statement. I also want all correspondence, emails and text messages following the response of the European Broadcasting Union.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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74.	13.06.2025	Copy of any records held: referring/relating to style guides/ internal guidance on reporting of military actions taken by state of Israel since Oct 7 2023; relating to guidance on usage of words 'genocide', 'Zionism', 'Zionist' or phrase ' Hamas-run' since October 7, 2023. Copy of any corres re. construction of article headlines/subheads for articles/reports on RTE.ie re military actions conducted by state of Israel since Oct 7, 2023 - include transcripts of phone calls/ texts through internal messengers of phones used for work purposes. Copy of any internal corres. to /from and within, RTÉ Editorial Standards Board re. reporting on military actions taken by Israel since Oct 7, 2023.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
75.	16.06.2025	A copy of The EY review from 22 March 2023.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 26(1)(b).
76.	16.06.2025	Correspondences to RTÉ from members of the public since January 1st, 2025, regarding RTÉ's GAA coverage.	Journalist	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
77.	16.06.2025	A copy of the Ernst & Young Audit report into RTÉ's partial write down of the Enterprise Resource Planning IT project.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(a).
78.	16.06.2025	Record related to the requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. S 15(1)(a).

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79.	17.06.2025	Records re memos prepared as part of RTE's year-end audits: corres between then CFO Richard Collins and anyone on Board/Exec level, incl DG, re 2021, 2022 & 2023 memos or with these memos as attachments; corres between Group Financial Controller and anyone on Board/Exec, inc DG, about the 2024 memo or with memo as attachment.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
80.	18.06.2025	Re. RTÉ Investigates 'The Planning Trap' (2023) - request for footage, correspondence, records etc.	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
81.	18.06.2025	Copy of 'Housewife of the Year'.	Member of the public	Outside of the Act.
82.	21.07.2025 (request updated)	The original tender request document for the CMS as sent out by RTE; the number and nature of the replies. When RTE Executive first became aware of serious issues with the new channel management system, either technical or financial. As such I am seeking any communications in relation to first channel management system project that highlight serious issues or inadequacies in said system. To simplify the request, I will limit my request to communications from the project management team to RTE Exec. and their replies.	Member of staff.	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(b).
83.	19.06.2025	Report on the findings of the 'Your Voice Matters: Engagement Survey' (which went live on 12/5/2025); any breakdown reports at divisional level of the overall survey report.	Member of staff	Granted in part. Section 35(1)(a).
84.	24.06.2025	Any record of any: advertising agreement between Mondelez/ Cadbury & RTÉ; amount of revenue from Mondelez/Cadbury since 1 Jan 2024; discussion between internal audit & risk committee, Board or any internal ethics committee/body on ethics of supporting Mondelez/Cadbury brand given its refusal to exit Russia after its illegal invasion of Ukraine.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a);36(1)(b) & (c).

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<b>85.</b>	26.06.2025	A copy of the recent Audit Report prepared by Ernst & Young (EY) into the RTE write down of €3.6 million on an IT project.	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 36(1)(a).