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86.	01.07.2025	From 1 July 2024-30 June 2025: Database/spreadsheet/record of amount paid in fees to guests/contributors for: 'The Late Late Show', 'Prime Time', 'The Tommy Tiernan Show', 'Saturday with Katie Hannon', 'Sunday with Miriam', 'The Brendan O'Connor Show', 'Morning Ireland', 'The Ray D'Arcy Show', 'Drivetime', 'Today with Claire Byrne', 'RTÉ News: Six One', 'RTÉ News: Nine O'Clock', 'Upfront with Katie Hannon'.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
87.	03.07.2025	From 1 Jan 2024 to date: correspondence between your chair, or equivalent, and the relevant minister in the Gov Dept. under whose aegis you operate; correspondence between chief executive (or equivalent) and relevant Sec Gen in the Gov Dept. under whose aegis you operate.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
88.	10.07.2025	Receipts and invoices related to expenses incurred for an individual's leaving celebrations.	Journalist.	Granted.
89.	14.07.2025	From January 2019 to date: any documentation/internal reports containing information related to the amount of money spent by RTÉ/2RN on Saorview infrastructure since its inception (so including work done prior to launch, to ensure it was ready to operate by October 2010); any documentation containing cost-benefit analysis, conducted by RTÉ and/or 2RN, in relation to Saorview and its related costs.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(c).
90.	15.07.2025	How much did it cost to send Emmy to represent Ireland at the 2025 Eurovision? The breakdown of costs should include accommodation, travel expenses, details of meals in addition to wardrobe costs and staging for the Eurovision.	Journalist.	Certain costs released - Outside of the Act.

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91.	15.07.2025	Minutes from RTÉ Audience Council meetings subsequent to the most recent set of minutes published on the RTÉ website as of today, i.e from meetings after 20th January 2025.	Member of the public	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
92.	16.07.2025	All information on file relating to requestor's complaint re. RTÉ 9 o' clock News 1 June 2025, including all correspondence both internal and external and all other relevant information.	Member of the public	Refused. Section 15(1)(i).
93.	17.07.2025	All records of correspondence between a named individual and the RTÉ Director General (currently Mr. Kevin Bakhurst, previously Ms. Dee Forbes) from 20th August 2022 to the present date – 17/07/2025.	Member of staff.	Refused. Section 37(1)
94.	18.07.2025	Any Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty (PSEHRD) Impact Assessments undertaken by RTÉ Television within the last 3 years, and with particular reference to the Primetime current affairs programme, and with further particular reference to last night's item on Traveller Feuding. Copies of representations received by RTÉ in advance of this programme and what specific PSEHRD Impact Assessment RTÉ undertook in preparation of last night's item (If no such record exists, the Schedule of Records should clearly indicate this).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
95.	21.07.2025	RTÉ Staff Engagement survey results for 'Broadcast & Services' from May 2025.	Member of staff.	Granted.

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96.	21.07.2025	RTÉ Audience Council: a) full contents of annual report (letter/associated materials) of the Audience Council to the Minister for 2024 & 2025; b) copies of all presentations/reports made/sent to Board by Council as part of joint Audience Council/ RTÉ Board meeting of 2025.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 29(1)(a).
97.	21.07.2025	Headline/aggregated results, in overall % terms, of two specific elements of RTÉ's Brand and Reputation Tracker (Red C) survey, encompassing quarterly results for the first half of this year - i.e, the period Q1 2025 - Q2 2025 inc. Data sought pertains to results which correspond to questions asked to measure Goal 5 of RTÉ's performance commitments under the 2024 and 2025 iterations of its Performance Commitments : findings relating to questions which measure three metrics below: a) Grow public perception that RTÉ is valuable to Irish society; b) Grow public perception that RTÉ is valuable to me personally, c) Grow public perception that RTÉ is trustworthy (the second of these metrics (b) is a new one introduced in the 2025 commitments).	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 29(1)(a).
98.	25.07.2025	An individual and a radio advert for Dublin Airport Authority: records relating to the deliberation and approval of any request for this external activity.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 37(1).
99.	28.07.2025	Records held by RTÉ that relate to "Disposals and retirements" of intangible assets reported in Note 9, RTÉ's 2022 published accounts - any doc., reports, internal corres, schedules or explanations that detail nature of disposals or retirements, incl. assets involved, reasons for their write-off, any approval or authorisation processes.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).

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100.	28.07.2025	The total cost of this year's Eurovision; names of everyone who travelled from Ireland to Basel as part of the Eurovision team; cost and name of accommodation EMMY and her family/team stayed in, along with cost of flights for EMMY, her team and family and anyone else who travelled to Basel as part of the Irish contingency; all associated costs in relation to the Eurovision, including the costumes, props and set costs; cost of EMMY's fee to represent Ireland in the Eurovision as well as the cost RTÉ paid to enter into the song contest.	Journalist.	Certain costs released - Outside of the FOI Act.
101.	28.07.2025	All correspondence received and sent to and by all departments within RTÉ pertaining to 'Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann' in Wexford for the years 2024 and 2025 to date.	Member of the Oireachtas.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
102.	31.07.2025	Any submissions made by a) RTÉ corporately and b) the RTÉ Audience Council specifically in respect of the General Scheme or the Revised General Scheme of the Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill (published in Oct 2024 and Apr 2025 respectively), whether directed to Coimisiún na Meán, the government department with responsibility for media, or the Oireachtas Committee scrutinising the draft legislation. The latter two bodies span two Dáil terms and as I understand it have different compositions, so I am referring to these generically here.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 42(j).
103.	05.08.2025	A datadump/spreadsheet/record of the RTÉ financial management system where it relates to expenditure incurred in the following categories in the period 1 Jan 2024 to 30 June 2025: car rental (home), car rental (abroad), taxi services (home), taxi services (abroad), mileage expenses (home), mileage expenses (abroad).	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35; 36; 37(1) Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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104.	11.08.2025	A copy of: the most up-to-date version of the risk register for the organisation; last three internal audits carried out within the organisation; last three audits of the organisation carried out by external auditors at the request of the organisation, a parent State body or any other arm of the Government or State [excluding Annual Report and Financial Statements]; last three audits carried out by the organisation of any groups or other entities sitting below it, supported by it or funded by it; minutes of the last five audit and risk committee (ARC) meetings.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(d); 36(1)(b); 37(1); 42.
105.	12.08.2025	Name of author or source of article “5 Things to know about Al Jazeera” published on 11 August 2025 on the RTÉ News website; any internal records dating from 10-11 August 2025 relating to decision to publish article and to do so without publishing a named author or source; any correspondence received by RTÉ News in re to Al Jazeera from 10-11 August 2025.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
106.	13.08.2025	What severance package was paid to Dee Forbes and what pension she attracted from RTÉ annually.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a); 37(1).
107.	25.08.2025	The total number of articles published by RTÉ referencing the war in Palestine since April 2023, the number of articles published referencing the war in Ukraine since April 2023 and the number of articles published referencing the war in Sudan since April 2023.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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108.	02.09.2025	Editorial notes and correspondence in advance of 'Today with Claire Byrne', specifically the episode which broadcast on Thursday 28 August 2025?	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
109.	03.09.2025	Copies of: expenses submitted in re. to 'Inside The Protests' broadcast to include copies of receipts; Since 1 January 2025: invoices / receipts / expenses claims for all hotel rooms hired relating to the work of RTÉ Investigates unit; expenses claims submitted by members of the RTÉ Investigates unit since January 1st of this year (individual names may be withheld).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
110.	12.09.2025	In the last six months: internal corres to/from DG's office re. RTÉ's decision to not take part in 2026 EVSC if Israel participates (include any attachments); correspondence between the DG and Dept Culture, Communication and Sport related to same decision; Minutes of any meetings on the same issue and any reports/presentation materials prepared re same.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
111.	15.09.2025	Total amounts paid by RTÉ from 1 Jan 2022 to most recent date records available to: Reuters, Agence France-Presse (AFP), Associated Press (AP), Press Association (PA Media): 2. Where available, breakdown of payments by (if feasible, by quarter/invoice). 3. Summary reports, spreadsheets, tables already compiled by RTÉ which list expenditure on external news agencies. 4. Licence fee compliance data: records, reports, internal summaries held by RTÉ showing: no. TV licences sold/renewed per year (2022 to present); RTÉ's assessment, estimate, reports concerning licence fee compliance, inc no. households estimated to be paying -v- non-paying; correspondence or reports provided to RTÉ management on licence fee evasion/compliance trends during this period.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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112.	18.09.2025	Records concerning planned Information & communication Technology (ICT) procurements for current financial year (2025/26). 1. Details of ICT budget/planned ICT projects or initiatives for the current financial year (2025/26). 2. Doc. outlining planned ICT procurements for FY 2025/26, inc (but not limited to) hardware, software, ICT maintenance agreements, related services.	Business / Interest Group	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(d); 36(1)(b)&(c).
113.	23.09.2025	1 Jan 2025-present: 1) copy of any audit/review of credit card holders; 2) Copies of quarterly reports to A&R committee re. retrospective purchase orders; 3) Copies of any audits carried out by Revenue concerning RTÉ; 4) Copies of any periodic reports/updates on the Record of Processing Activities (ROPA) project.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 15(1)(a); 36(1); 37(1). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
114.	25.09.2025	IT Questionnaire: no. of devices (listed), plans to procure services or implement services (listed).	Business/Interest Group	Handled Outside of the Freedom of Information Act.
115.	29.09.2025	A record of number of staff members currently in receipt of a car allowance from RTÉ; record of how much was spent in 2024 on provision of a car allowance for staff of RTÉ; anonymised list, broken down in bands e.g. €0-€2,5k, €2,500-€5k, €5,000-€7,500 etc of no. individuals in receipt of car allowance & monetary band in which their allowance falls; copy of any policy documents or other explanatory documents that underpin or justify the provision of car allowances to RTÉ staff.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).