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116.	02.10.2025	Any and all communications between Kevin Bakhurst, Michael Kealy, Alan Tyler & other RTÉ staff or Board members that discuss Eurovision, Israel, Palestine and topics related to Eurovision, between 07/10/2023 and 30/09/2025. Any briefings, memos, submissions prepared for RTÉ management or the RTÉ Board, relating to EVSC decisions around statement made on withdrawing from 2026 contest if Israel takes part and about imminent EBU vote on whether to exclude Israel from 2026 contest. Any and all communications between Kevin Bakhurst & Michael Kealy with EBU in relation to EVSC 2024, 2025 and 2026. The annual fee paid by RTÉ to the EBU for membership in the EBU - as well as the annual fees to participate in the Eurovision Song Contest 2019-2025.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
117.	09.10.2025	Since 8th October 2025: the number of public correspondences to RTÉ regarding a gift given to Claire Byrne by Paschal Donohoe; records of a gift documented by Claire Byrne from Paschal Donohoe.	Journalist.	Refused. S. 15(1)(a).
118.	09.10.2025	The number of complaints that RTÉ have received since changing the weather forecast format/graphics, on 14th July 2025; a sample of these complaints.	Journalist.	Refused. Section: 15(1)(a). Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
119.	09.10.2025	Copies of all correspondence electronic/written re. broadcasts about murder of a named individual; any correspondence about its broadcast, pre or post broadcast (featured several times on 'Drivetime' reports); any correspondence about its content or reporting and about the broadcast on Radio One; any correspondence about a potential documentary.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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120.	13.10.2025	Documentation relating to the Forum on Broadcasting (as established by Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, Síle de Valera, T.D. in March 2002). Specifically, I am interested in obtaining RTÉ's submission to the Forum, in its original format if possible.	Member of the public.	Granted.
121.	15.10.2025	All records pertaining to communications between RTÉ and The National Monuments Service, The National Museum of Ireland and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of the television broadcast 'Made of Stone' (broadcast on RTÉ One on 13 October 2025).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
122.	16.10.2025	No. of RTÉ staff: 1. Earning over €300k a year 2. earning over €200k a year 3. earning over €100k a year; for each salary bands, breakdown of no. & % of each band sorted by: a) Gender b) Ethnicity c) Age i.e. over 30, over 40, over 50 etc. in 10 year intervals; data to be latest available & date provided as to when the data is from.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
123.	16.10.2025	RTÉ's top 10 sources of commercial revenue for each year 2021 – 2025 inc. and the top 10 sources of commercial revenue across the entire 5-year period. Data on source of revenue and amount of revenue generated in each case i.e. top commercial revenue source in 2025 - X - €100,000. If 2025 data unavailable, provide data from 2020 instead. If data is not kept by calendar year, provide the last five yearly periods of data e.g. 2024/25 financial year.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 36(1)(a), (b) and (c)

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124.	17.10.2025	A record/database/spreadsheet of no. of days lost to illness by staff of RTÉ in Q1 to Q5 of 2024 & Q1 and Q2 of 2025; record should include no. of days lost to illness and whatever categorisation RTÉ uses in its system for monitoring absences e.g.: flu/viral, mental health, musculoskeletal, other, post pregnancy, pregnancy related, surgery/post op, injury on duty: accident, occupational illness arising from duty, critical illness etc.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).
125.	20.10.2025	A copy of the most up-to-date tracker for implementation of recommendations from audits; list of all audits carried out in the last two years to include month/year of audit and overall assurance rating.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 32(1)(c).
126.	21.10.2025	Access to all versions and iterations (including original, updated, superseded, and unpublished drafts) of the following article published on the RTÉ website: Article ID: 1539658 (URL provided). Date of publication: 21 October 2025; I request: a copy of every version of the article text as it appeared from the time of first publication up to and including the most recent update; any metadata or audit trail indicating when each version was created, published, or amended; Any internal notes or records documenting editorial changes or reasons for amendments made to this article on or after 21 October 2025.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
127.	28.10.2025	All records held by RTÉ concerning the handling of a complaint from the requestor submitted on 25th October 2025, including internal communications, notes, memoranda or emails within Editorial Standards & Compliance Unit/related staff; also request internal policies, guidance or procedural documents used in assessing whether complaints are frivolous, vexatious or invalid due to quotation/transcription issues.	Member of the public.	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(a), 15(1)(i)(i).

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128.	29.10.2025	Financial records from ‘Proper No.12 Whiskey’, ‘Starbucks’, ‘McDonalds’ and ‘Coca Cola’ in the last five years	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(b) on foot of S. 12(1)(b).
129.	31.10.2025	Copies of feedback sent from members of the public to RTÉ regarding the RTÉ Player, sent to feedback@rte.ie and complaints@rte.ie, from 1 August 2025 to 30 October 2025, plus copies of any replies sent to these people.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section
130.	31.10.2025	Copies of correspondence sent to RTÉ by members of the public regarding the departure of Ray D'Arcy from Radio 1, plus copies of any replies sent to these people, in October 2025.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 37(1).
131.	31.10.2025	Copy of all internal audits completed in RTÉ during the period 1 Jan 2024 to date. If there are a very large number of such audits, happy to be provided with a list to select a small number from that list.	Journalist.	Granted.
132.	03.11.2025	No. of staff employed by RTÉ whose job title includes the words “rostrum camera / rostrum operator” or any related term; current pay grades or pay scale ranges for these positions; department(s) in which these roles are based. The most recent year in which a rostrum camera was used in RTÉ production work and the average annual frequency of use. Internal documentation, memo, or report referring to discontinuation/replacement of rostrum camera system by digital graphics technologies (e.g., Flint, Henry, After Effects). No. staff currently receiving/entitled to receive pension benefits arising from previous employment in other RTÉ departments/divisions (i.e. cases in which multiple pension entitlements may have accrued through departmental transfers or reclassifications). Policy or guidelines governing pension portability or accumulation within RTÉ for employees who change roles or departments.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 15(1)(a).

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133.	04.11.2026	Access to any records about RTÉ's expenditure for 'The Late Late Eurosong Special 2025'; access to any financial & administrative records that may include budgets, invoices, contracts/any other documents relating to finances of production. These records should also show how much was spent on music licencing for each artist's postcard (short introduction video before performance).	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
134.	06.11.2026	Documentation relating to the RTÉ Audience Council: accessing all meeting minutes eligible for release regarding all meetings (ordinary meetings and joint Council/Board meetings) after the most recently published minutes on the RTÉ website, i.e 9 June 2025 to the present day	Member of the public.	Granted.
135.	05.11.2026	Hays Consultants reports carried out on behalf of RTÉ, from 2007 to 2015.	Member of staff.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
136.	10.11.2026	Any records setting out the reasons why RTÉ Transmission Network has invested in Vizor Technology Ltd, and any records created in the last two year in which that investment is assessed.	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 35(1), (b); S. 36(1)(a), (b) and (c), S. 36(4), S. 37(1).
137.	11.11.2026	Records relating to the cost of the new 'Liveline' theme music, specifically: total cost of producing the new 'Liveline' theme, broken down by expenses.	Journalist.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
138.	18.11.2026	A copy of any reports, memos, submissions, or other such overview or high-level documents discussing the possible buy-out of car allowances for staff of RTÉ. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2023 to date.	Journalist.	Granted.
139.	19.11.2026	The number of RTÉ staff email accounts accessed by management in the last five years (since 2020) and the reasons in each case for doing so.	Member of the public.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).

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140.	21.11.2026	Original of the document without redactions to the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport by RTÉ: - Application from RTÉ under Section 103 of the Broadcasting Act 2009 (in relation to proposed closure of RTÉs digital radio stations - issued last November 2024)	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section 36(1).
141.	26.11.2025	Any information re. speaking time during presidential debate on Tuesday 21st of October 2025. Above request would include, but is not limited to, internal notes, emails, memo's relating to running order of questions, speaking times for each candidate or caution surrounding speaking times.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
142.	27.11.2025	1. Total number of FOI requests received per year; 2. Total number of requests granted in full per year; 3. Total number of requests granted in part per year; 3. Total number of requests denied per year; 4. Total number of requests replied to within 30 days, per year; 5. Total Number of requests appealed to OIC per year; 6. Total number of requests upheld by OIC per year; 7. Total number of requests not upheld by OIC per year; 8. Total number of complaints made against the FOI department of RTÉ per year.	Member of the public.	Granted in part. Section: 15(1)(d).
143.	27.11.2026	From 1 January 2025 to date: records that identify technical experts who provided technical, scientific, engineering, geological or materials-related advice to RTÉ to inform its reporting on: 1) defective concrete blocks crisis, 2) pyrite sub-floor hardcore problem. This includes, for example, issues such as mica, pyrite, pyrrhotite, ettringite, thaumasite, gypsum, freeze–thaw damage, internal sulfate attack, total sulfur, high temperature combustion, acid digestion, cement ratios and aggregates. Specifically, records that contain names, roles & organisations of such technical advisors/expert sources for RTÉ news, current affairs or documentary coverage on radio, television and online.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.

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144.	01.12.2025	Review of: Procurement Register (13 March 2025); Supplier and Employee Master Data (25 January 2024); Procurement Register (9 April 2024); Report on the System of Internal Control FY 2024 (24 March 2025).	Journalist.	Granted in part. Sections: 32; 36(1); 37(1).
145.	02.12.2026	Copies of complaints sent to RTÉ by members of the public about broadcasts on RTÉ television from January 1st 2025, to December 1st, 2025.	Journalist.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
146.	05.12.2026	Between 1 January 2014 and 1 April 2024: copy of any/all records re. interviews of (<i>named individual</i>) on any RTÉ radio program between 1 January 2014 and 1 April 2024; request includes but is not limited to: any records of communication between RTÉ and (<i>named individual</i>); communication between RTÉ and (<i>an entity</i>) in relation to arranging, proposing, scheduling, or conducting interviews with (<i>named individual</i>).	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
147.	08.12.2026	All records held by RTÉ relating to the reporting of the fatal shooting of a named individual.	Member of the public	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
148.	08.12.2026	All RTÉ-held financial records for the RTÉ NSO and RTÉ CO for 2020–2025 (up to processing date for 2025), including: 1. Budgets, financial plans, and category breakdowns. 2. Expenditures, invoices, and payment details (e.g., salaries, venues, tours). 3. Income sources (e.g., government funding, ticket sales, sponsorships). 4. Anonymized salary/compensation data for staff and musicians. 5. Contracts, agreements, and partnerships. 6. Audits, financial statements, and reports. 7. Correspondence on financial matters.	Member of the public	Refused. Sections: 15(1)(c), S. 15(1)(b) as a result of S. 12(1)b).

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149.	10.12.2025	All records created since January 1, 2024 in relation to the Gerard Dillon painting whose ownership is unclear, including any correspondence with <i>(a gallery)</i> .	Journalist.	Granted in part. Section 37(1).
150.	03.12.2026	Any data recorded through your email client/server relating to the email address of requestor; including but not limited to emails received, whether they went to inbox/spam, if they were replied to or deleted.	Member of the public.	Granted.
151.	11.12.2025	1. All communications between RTÉ and the EBU regarding RTÉ's withdrawal from the Eurovision Song Contest in 2026 from 1st June to date. 2. All communications between RTÉ and the leadership team regarding RTÉ's withdrawal from the Eurovision Song Contest in 2026 from 1st June to date.	Member of staff.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.
152.	11.12.2025	A copy of the minutes of the RTÉ meeting with the EBU (General Assembly) in 2025.	Member of staff.	Refused. Section 15(1)(a).
153.	15.12.2025	Copy of specific records in relation to requestor.	Member of the public.	Refused. Statutory Instrument SI 115 of 2000.