

21 October 2021

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Brian Stanley, TD  
Chair of Public Accounts Committee  
Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House  
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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2021. In response to the queries raised please find below the following information:

- 1. a breakdown of the personnel at RTÉ involved in the Revenue settlement-** we regret that due to personal data considerations relating to GDPR legislation, we cannot supply a detailed breakdown of the individuals that this settlement related to, but can confirm that this related to a broad range of professional roles, at different payscales, and was not concentrated around any one earning level or type of contract.
- 2. an overall figure of the value of defamation settlements since 2010** – the total amount paid for media settlements for the period 2010 to date is €10,432,676.58. This amount does not take into account refunds from our insurers. We note Deputy Murphy's comments regarding the need for national defamation legislation to be reviewed, and we would like to put on record our own support for this to happen.

**3. a copy of the Revenue Commissioners Audit Report** – to the best of our knowledge, no formal report was created by Revenue Commissioners, and we are therefore unable to furnish the Committee with a copy. We can provide the letter of confirmation from the Revenue on this issue, and please find same attached.

We trust that these clarifications are helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

**Vivienne Flood**  
**Head of Public Affairs, RTÉ**

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Date: 28/06/2021

Ref No.: 00654315B  
PAYE ref.: 0090288J

**Re: Revenue Audit of Contractors Disclosure**

Dear Ms O'Shea,

I wish to advise you that RTE's offer of €1,223,252 in respect of the conclusion that some individuals treated as contractors should have been treated as employees, has been accepted by the Revenue Commissioners.

I understand the Department of Employment and Social Protection (DEASP) are currently examining the terms of the company's engagement with contractors. RTE should advise Revenue if DEASP or the courts conclude that any individual, not included on the disclosure, was engaged under a contract of service. In such a case, Revenue reserves the right to examine the tax consequences of any such determination.

The audit is now concluded, and I thank you for your co-operation.

Note: Due to working from home, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, I am not in a position to send you a letter with a wet signature. However, if you require such a letter, I can arrange for one to issue.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Lovett  
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Assistant Principal