

RTE RETIRED STAFF ASSOCIATION

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To: Minister Catherine Martin, Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

cc: Minister Paschal Donohoe, Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform

cc: Ms. Paula Mullooly - Chair of the Trustees, RTÉSA

Date: July 4th, 2023

Dear Minister Martin.

I am writing to you in connection with two issues that are of concern to the RTÉRSA (RTÉ Retired Staff Association).

Firstly, further to the RTÉRSA letter to Minister Donohoe's office that you received on 9/6/2023 about the delay in the RTÉ pension increase, please find enclosed a copy of the response from the Ministers office (23/6/23). Our understanding was that you had approved the application. However, this response from Minister Donohoe's office indicates that this is not the case. Our members would appreciate if you would give this matter your consideration as a matter of urgency.

Secondly, further to your letter to RTÉRSA on 6/9/2022 (CHG-MO-01862-2022) about the RTÉ executive boards proposal to amend RTÉSA Regulation 136, RTÉ presently has an appeal lodged with your office. The former Director General and the Chair of the RTÉ Board supported these arguments which we have opposed from the beginning on the basis that the underlying arguments are incorrect. It is unthinkable that the flawed arguments for transfer of costs should remain on anyone's agenda and I am extremely concerned that RTÉ's second application should retain any validity in the relevant Government departments.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephanie Fitzpatrick Chair, RTÉRSA (RTÉ Retired Staff Association)