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Statement by Minister Catherine Martin

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"I was advised in March 2023 that an issue had come to light in the course of the audit of the RTÉ 2022 accounts, and that a fact finding review had been commissioned by the Audit and Risk Committee of the RTÉ Board.

"I am extremely concerned at the details which were contained in RTÉ's statement today, on foot of that review being completed.

"I have spoken with the RTÉ Chairperson today, and have subsequently written to her requesting that she meet with me and officials of the department. The meeting has been arranged for Monday.

"I have asked the Chair to set out in that meeting, in detail, the issues involved, the steps the Board is taking to deal with the matter, the follow on action that will be required, and the timeline for these actions.

"The public rightly expect much higher standards of transparency and accountability from Ireland's Public Service Broadcaster. It is unacceptable that these have not been met. It will be critical for the Board to identify whether there are wider governance issues that need to be examined and addressed, and to ensure that there is appropriate accountability for what has occurred. It will be equally important for the Board to demonstrate that it is putting in place appropriate structures and processes to prevent a recurrence of a matter of this nature."

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