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# Statement by Taoiseach Leo Varadkar

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“I am very concerned at the information set out in RTÉ’s statement and the announcement that the Director General has been suspended. On the face of it, there has been a serious breach of trust and truth between RTÉ and the government, the Oireachtas and the people.

“Minister Martin has spoken with the RTÉ Chairperson and has scheduled a meeting with her tomorrow (Saturday).

“I am keeping in touch with Minister Martin on this issue and will receive an update from her after the meeting. She will brief Cabinet on Tuesday.

“At tomorrow’s meeting, the Minister will be asking the Chairperson to set out in detail, the issues involved and the steps the RTÉ Board is taking. The government considers it essential that we have the highest standards of governance, accountability and transparency from RTÉ and will consider what further action may be required.

“All of the matters involved will have to be examined and, perhaps, remedial steps taken to restore trust and confidence.

“It will be equally important for the Board to demonstrate that it is putting in place appropriate structures and processes to prevent a recurrence.

“The public are right to expect high standards of transparency and accountability from RTÉ as it is extremely important that we can all have trust in our public service broadcasting.”

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