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The BBC answered over 10,000 complaints from the audience during May 2008. These ranged from a small number of complaints about potentially serious breaches of editorial guidelines through to a much larger collection of views about programme content and scheduling. The key themes which emerged are as follows:

# **Complaint About The BBC**

Complaints were answered from people who felt that the ticket allocation for *Radio 1's Big Weekend 10-11 May 2008* was unfair.

## **Bad Language**

Complaints were answered from people unhappy with the use of the 'f' word during *Friday Night With Jonathan Ross* tx 2 May.

# **Standards Of Interviewing and Presentation**

Some viewers were unhappy with the tongue-in-cheek style of commentary during *Eurovision Song Contest 2008.* 

Complaints were also answered from listeners who felt the *Today* interview with Gordon Brown tx 15 May was too aggressive.

## Bias

Complaints were answered from people who felt the Auroville report broadcast on **Newsnight** tx 21 May and **From Our Own Correspondent** tx 24 May was inaccurate and biased.

## **Poor Quality**

Some viewers felt that insufficient time was given to the performances during **BBC Young** *Musician of the Year.* 

The BBC's responses to some recent issues can be read at www.bbc.co.uk/complaints.