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The BBC answered over 10,000 complaints from the audience during September 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:

## **Offence - General**

Some people complained in response to the *EastEnders* storyline of child abuse, which they felt was inappropriate.

## **Insufficient Coverage**

The *Paralympics 2008* prompted complaints, where some people felt that there had been insufficient coverage of the tournament in comparison with the Olympics 2008 coverage.

## **Offence to Religious Feelings**

A number of people were unhappy with the *EastEnders* storyline where Masood Ahmed was shown breaking his Ramadan fast.

## **Standards of Interviewing/Presentation**

Some people complained about *Eurovision Dance Contest*, as they were unhappy with the commentary during the programme.

The BBC's responses to some recent issues can be read at [www.bbc.co.uk/complaints](http://www.bbc.co.uk/complaints).