

Complaints to the BBC: August 2014

The BBC answered almost **22,000** complaints from the audience during August 2014. These ranged from a small number of complaints about alleged breaches of editorial guidelines through to a much larger collection of views about programme content and services.

Some people complained that the second Scottish Independence debate between Alex Salmond and Alistair Darling was poorly moderated and/or the audience was biased in favour of independence.

Some viewers contacted us after episode 60 from series 7 of Pointless was not repeated within the current re-run of the series.

Some viewers felt Iain was unfairly eliminated from The Great British Bake Off after another contestant was seen to remove his baked Alaska from the freezer.

We received some complaints from listeners that Jonathan Ross was chosen to provide holiday cover for Steve Wright on BBC Radio 2.

Some people complained that the coverage of the search of Sir Cliff Richard's property was excessive, others felt the coverage had suggested he was guilty or asked how BBC News found out about the search in advance.

We received complaints from some viewers who felt that BBC News gave too much coverage and prominence to the death of Robin Williams,

Finally, there were complaints from some viewers unhappy with the approach taken by an item about food intolerance and allergies during Food & Drink.

The BBC's responses to some recent issues can be read on the [BBC Complaints website](#).