

Editorial Complaints to the BBC - April – June 2006

The BBC handled just under 32,000 editorial complaints between April and June 2006. 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 detailed below:

Offence : Some viewers felt that Kelvin MacKenzie was an inappropriate presenter for World Cup Scandals, given the comments about the Hillsborough Disaster in the Sun newspaper when he was its editor. Others complained about questions asked by Jonathan Ross about Baroness Thatcher in his interview with David Cameron (Friday Night With Jonathan Ross, 23 June). There were also complaints about the drama series, The Line Of Beauty, from viewers who objected to graphic homosexual scenes and felt that it should have been broadcast much later in the evening, if at all.

News : There were complaints about an interview with Paul Gadd, aka Gary Glitter,