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Topic: Reporting – Escalation of violence against Israelis

Senator Abetz, Eric asked:

Senator ABETZ: In the case I will ask one last question—I will put the others on notice. Can the ABC explain or advise whether or not they reported in any way, shape or form on the US House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs talking about how the escalation of violence against Israelis is praised, encouraged and even fuelled by Palestinian Authority officials. This was a fairly significant unanimous motion carried by the US House of Representatives foreign affairs committee. I would just be interested in hearing whether or not that has been broadcast anywhere by the ABC. While you are at it, can you advise whether the recent Polish election results have been broadcast at all by the ABC? If so, how often and on what basis?

Mr Scott: I will take those on notice.

Answer:

The outcome of the Polish vote was reported on *The World* on *ABC News24* on the evening of 26 October 2015, followed by a live interview with a Polish analyst, Dr Piotr Bajda from the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

The news story also ran on the *ABC News24* 11.00 pm bulletin on 26 October 2015.

The result was covered by *Radio News* and in the ‘Morning Brief’ by ABC News Online on the morning of 27 October 2015.

The resolution of the US House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs on 22 October 2015 was not reported by ABC.