

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Question No: 46**

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**Topic: Anti-siphoning laws**

**Senator McKenzie, Bridget asked:**

Would changes to anti-siphoning laws for sport mean changes for the types of sports the ABC currently chooses to air? Have there been any discussions in ABC management around this space?

**Answer:**

In practice, an amendment to the anti-siphoning list, to decrease the number of events on it, would have little impact on the ABC's sports coverage.

Sporting events on the anti-siphoning list generally attract extremely high broadcast rights fees and, for this reason, are incompatible with the ABC's resources.