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Question No: 60

Australian Broadcasting Corporation
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Topic: US House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs

Senator Abetz, Eric asked:

Reference is made to the Answer in Question No. 157.

- (a) Why was the unanimous resolution of the US House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs on 22nd October 2015 not reported by the ABC?
- (b) At what times of the day was the Radio News broadcast?

Answer:

- (a) Judgements were made by individual editorial managers that the resolution of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on 22 October was not sufficiently newsworthy to be included in bulletins. As ABC noted in its response to Question No. 157 in 2015, Congressional committee votes are not generally reported unless they are of unusual significance.
- (b) As stated in QoN 157, ABC News did not report on the House Foreign Affairs Committee resolution.