

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 61**

**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 12/02/2016**

**Topic: Polish General Election - broadcast**

**Senator Abetz, Eric asked:**

Given there are well over 160,000 Australians with Polish ancestry, why was the result of the Polish General election not deemed worthy of coverage on the more popular radio and TV stations run by the ABC?

**Answer:**

As was noted in response to Question No. 157 in 2015, the news of the Polish election was covered on News 24, Radio News and by ABC News Online. Each of these platforms garner significant audiences. The story was not covered by the 7pm News the following evening based on a judgement of the relative news value of the story compared to other stories available that evening. These judgements are based on the significance and interest of stories to all our audience.