



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

To the Registrar of Members' Interests

**Statement of Member's qualifications relating to  
sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution  
47<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

FAMILY NAME	[Click and type family name]	ANANDA - RAJAH			
GIVEN NAMES	[Click and type given names]	MICHELLE			
ELECTORAL DIVISION	[Electoral division]	MIGGINS	STATE	[State/Territory]	VIC

**Attestation under paragraph (5) of the resolution adopted on 4 April 2019**

The material I provided to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in respect of my last nomination for election, in accordance with Part XIV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, is complete and accurate.

Yes

No

**Supplementary material**

If you have marked 'no' or wish to provide supplementary material to augment, explain or correct information provided to the AEC, please separately complete the form 'Supplementary material regarding Member's qualifications relating to sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution'.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

10 Aug 2022  
Date: [DD Month Year]

**Notes**

1. The requirement to make this statement is contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on 4 April 2019.
2. Signed statements should be emailed to [Members.Interests.Reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:Members.Interests.Reps@aph.gov.au).

# QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

Michelle Ananda-Rajah

Please fill out this checklist.

Be aware that completing this checklist does not guarantee that you are eligible to be elected under section 44 of the Australian Constitution or under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

If you have any doubts about your eligibility, you should seek independent legal advice.

If you provide information in this checklist that you know is false or misleading, you may commit an offence against the *Criminal Code* with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 12 months, \$12,600 or both.

You must answer every question in the checklist that has check boxes by marking one, and only one, of the boxes provided. Your nomination will be rejected if you do not mark any of the boxes, or if you mark more than one of the boxes, provided for any of these questions.

Please provide supporting documentation as appropriate. You may provide additional documents if you are unable to fit all your responses in this checklist.

Note: If you answer 'yes' in question 10 then you **must provide at least one document** in response to question 10a.

You should not include information in this checklist, or in any additional documents you provide, that is inappropriate in any way. If you do, the information may be redacted by the Electoral Commissioner and not published on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.

You may choose to redact information (for example, your own or another person's personal information) from additional documents before providing them. Redactions must be in accordance with any directions of the Electoral Commissioner.

The candidate statement and declaration that you have made elsewhere in this nomination also relate to your eligibility to be elected. In that statement and declaration:

- (a) you have declared that you are qualified under the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth to be elected as a Senator or member of the House of Representatives; and
- (b) you have stated that you are an Australian citizen.

Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory

1. Do you know the place of birth of each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)?\*

YES  
 NO

1a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the place of birth of a parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' places of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 1a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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2. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know was born in another country? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent. \*  
 (If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

2a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Place of Birth Date of Birth	<b>Mother</b> Sri Lanka / / 1948	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Place of Birth Date of Birth	<b>Father</b> Sri Lanka / / 1940
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Place of Birth Date of Birth	<b>Maternal Grandfather</b> Sri Lanka / /	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Place of Birth Date of Birth	<b>Maternal Grandmother</b> Sri Lanka / /
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Place of Birth Date of Birth	<b>Paternal Grandfather</b> Sri Lanka / /	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Place of Birth Date of Birth	<b>Paternal Grandmother</b> Sri Lanka / /

2b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' places and dates of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 2a and 2b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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3. **Have you provided details in question 2a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country?\***  YES  
 NO  
 N/A  
(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

3a. **If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:**

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country

4. **Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)?\***  YES  
 NO

4a. **Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the citizenships held at a particular time by a particular parent or grandparent):**

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' citizenships

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 4a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

5. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent.\*

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

5a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held</p>	<p><b>Mother</b></p> <p>Sri Lanka &amp; UK</p> <p></p>	<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held</p>	<p><b>Father</b></p> <p>Sri Lanka &amp; UK</p> <p></p>
<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held</p>	<p><b>Maternal Grandfather</b></p> <p>Sri Lanka</p> <p></p>	<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held</p>	<p><b>Maternal Grandmother</b></p> <p>Sri Lanka</p> <p></p>
<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held</p>	<p><b>Paternal Grandfather</b></p> <p>Sri Lanka</p> <p></p>	<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held</p>	<p><b>Maternal Grandmother</b></p> <p>Sri Lanka</p> <p></p>

5b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' foreign citizenships

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 5a and 5b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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# QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

6. **Have you provided details in question 5a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means?\***  YES  
 NO  
 N/A  
(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

6a. **If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:**

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country

7. **Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your current and former spouses and similar partners?\***  YES  
 NO  
 N/A  
(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

7a. **Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the particular citizenships held at a particular time by a current or former spouse or similar partner):**

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of the citizenships of your current and former spouses and similar partners

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 7a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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8. Do you have a current or former spouse or similar partner who you know is or was a citizen of another country?\*
- (If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)
- YES  
 NO  
 N/A

8a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. wife or former de facto partner)	Husband
Country of foreign citizenship	Sri Lanka and United Kingdom
Was foreign citizenship held at the time of marriage (if applicable)?	
Relationship to you (e.g. wife or former de facto partner)	
Country of foreign citizenship	
Was foreign citizenship held at the time of marriage (if applicable)?	

8b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, whether you acquired foreign citizenship because of a spouse's foreign citizenship):

Other relevant details relating to your current or former spouse's or similar partner's foreign citizenship

My husband was born in Sri Lanka and subsequently became a British citizen, following which he lost his citizenship of Sri Lanka.

I have not acquired Sri Lankan or British citizenship through my husband (see attached).

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 8a and 8b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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9. **Have you provided details in question 8a in relation to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country?\***
- (If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)
- YES  
 NO  
 N/A

9a. **If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:**

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country

10. **Have you ever been a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia?\***
- YES  
 NO  
 UNKNOWN

10a. **If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:**

Country of foreign citizenship	United Kingdom
Manner in which foreign citizenship was lost (if applicable)	Formally renunciation of British citizenship
Date of losing foreign citizenship (if applicable)	01 / 09 / 2021

\* [If you contend that you have renounced or lost your foreign citizenship, you **must provide at least one document** that you are satisfied supports your contention. (The document may be an official document, or if you have no official document, a statutory declaration.) This will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

10b. **Please provide any other relevant details (for example, how you lost your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 10 is unknown):**

Other relevant details relating to the loss of your foreign citizenship

See attached.

[In addition to the requirement to provide at least one document mentioned under question 10a, please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any other details provided in response to questions 10a and 10b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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11. Are you now a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia?\*

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNKNOWN

11a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign citizenship	_____	
Date of acquiring foreign citizenship	/	/
Country of foreign citizenship	_____	
Date of acquiring foreign citizenship	/	/

11b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, why you are prevented from renouncing your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 11 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(i) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to questions 11a and 11b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

12. Are you under sentence or subject to be sentenced, for an offence for which you have been convicted, which is punishable by imprisonment for one year or longer?\*

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO

NOTE: A person convicted of an offence with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for one year or longer may be disqualified even if the sentence imposed on the person for the offence is less than the maximum penalty.

12a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(ii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 12a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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13. Are you an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent?\*

YES  
 NO

13a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 13a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

14. Do you hold an office of profit under the Crown, other than an office expressly exempt from section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution?\*

(Offices of profit under the Crown include, for example, many public sector jobs in Australia.)

YES  
 NO  
 UNKNOWN

14a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, the relevant body in which you hold the office of profit and your role, or why the response to question 14 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 14a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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15. Do you have a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract or other agreement with the Commonwealth public service?\*

Do not count an interest that is expressly excluded from section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution, such as a shareholding in a company that has 25 or more other shareholders.

NOTE: Section 44(v) may disqualify you even if you are not a party to the relevant contract or agreement. A disqualifying financial interest may arise, for example, from an agreement between the Commonwealth public service and a trustee of a family trust of which you are a beneficiary.

- YES
- NO
- UNKNOWN

15a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, your direct or indirect financial interests, or why the response to question 15 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 15a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

16. Please provide any additional details relating to your qualification under the Australian Constitution or the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*:

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 16. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

**I confirm the information in the checklist provided above, and any additional information provided in support of my statements, to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature of candidate

Date

12 / 4 / 22

**Response to Question 10b**

I am not and never have been a citizen of Sri Lanka.

I was born in the United Kingdom in 1972 and became a British citizen at birth. At the time, both of my parents were Sri Lankan citizens and both of them acquired British citizenship after I was born.

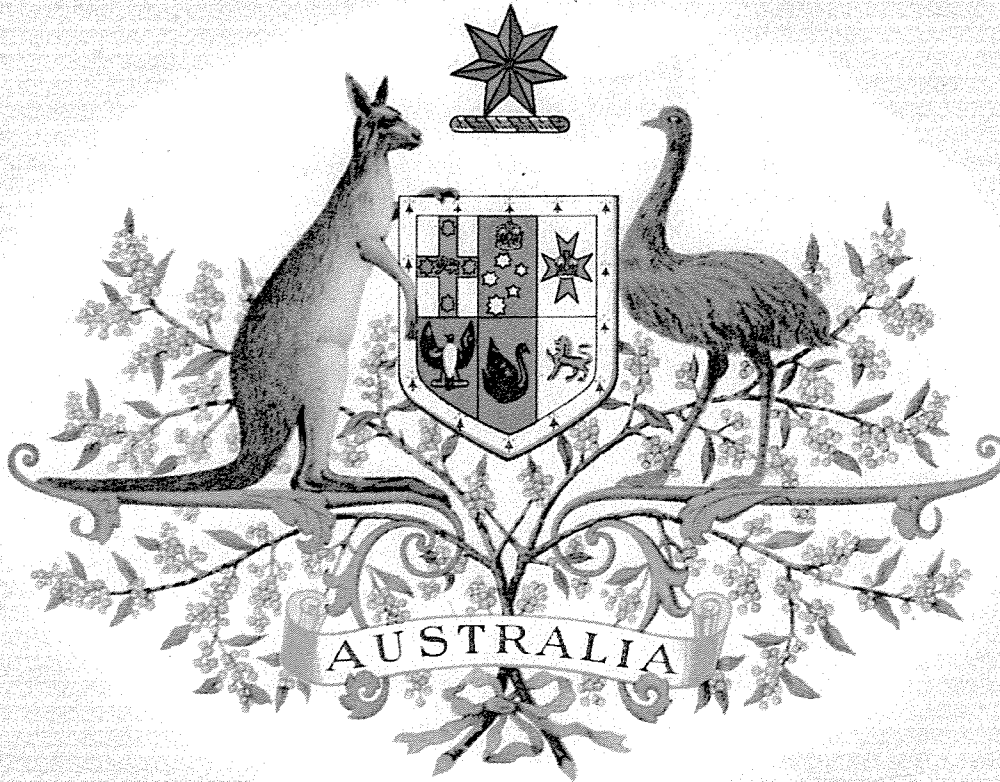
However, under Sri Lankan nationality law at the time, I did not become a Sri Lankan citizen at birth because my parents did not register my birth within one year in the prescribed manner at the office of a consular officer of Sri Lanka or the office of the Minister in Sri Lanka. As such, I never became a citizen of Sri Lanka.

Even if my birth had been registered in the prescribed manner and I had become a citizen of Sri Lanka by descent, under Sri Lankan nationality law I would have lost my Sri Lankan citizenship when I turned 22 unless I renounced my British citizenship prior to that date, which I did not do.

I have never taken any steps to apply for Sri Lankan citizenship.

I became an Australian citizen on 26 April 1996 (attached).

On 1 September 2021, my formal renunciation of British citizenship was registered by the British Home Office (attached).



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

*Australian Citizenship Act 1948*

# *Certificate of Australian Citizenship*

**MICHELLE RENUKA ANANDA-RAJAH**

*born on 10th December 1972*

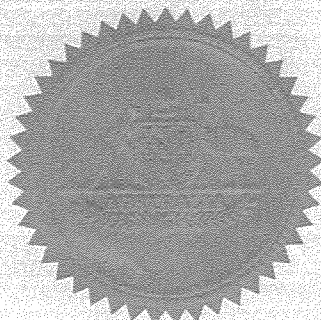
*having applied for a Certificate of Australian Citizenship, having satisfied the conditions prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 for the grant of such a Certificate and having undertaken to fulfil the responsibilities of a citizen,*

*I, the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs,  
grant this Certificate of Australian Citizenship to the abovenamed applicant who is  
an Australian citizen on and after 26th APRIL 1996.*

*Issued by the authority  
of the Minister  
for Immigration and  
Ethnic Affairs*

**MINISTER  
FOR IMMIGRATION  
AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS**

No. NB9510214K





Home Office

The Capital Building  
Liverpool  
L3 9PP

**Tel** 0300 790 6288

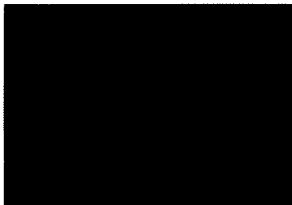
**Fax**

Please refer to [www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk](http://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk)

**Email**

**Web** [www.gov.uk/uk-visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/uk-visas-immigration)

Doctor M. R. Ananda-Rajah



Our Ref 029331915

Your Ref Your Ref

Date 01 September 2021

Dear Doctor Ananda-Rajah

Re: Doctor Michelle Renuka Ananda-Rajah British Citizen 10 December 1972

**Renunciation of British Citizenship**

I am writing to inform you that the above named is now registered as having renounced British Citizenship.

Enclosed is the Declaration of renunciation bearing a stamp of registration. This confirms the date on which the applicant ceased to be a British Citizen, under Section 12(1) of the British Nationality Act 1981.

Any British travel documents that you may still hold should be returned to:

Her Majesty's Passport Office  
Globe House  
89 Eccleston Square  
London, SW1V 1PN

Renunciation of British nationality affects a person's right to live in the UK. If you live in the UK, you should contact us as soon as possible for information on how you are affected by your renunciation of British nationality and what steps you must take to confirm your immigration status. Details of how to contact us can be found on our website at [www.gov.uk/uk-visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/uk-visas-immigration)

Yours sincerely,

Gareth Mitchell  
CT3

Encl: Declaration of renunciation

**You can find details of how to contact us on our website at  
<https://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi>.  
When contacting us via email, please ensure the subject field contains your  
Home Office reference number, your surname and the name of the person  
dealing with your application.**

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**UK Visas  
& Immigration**

**UK Visas and Immigration**

Department 55  
The Capital Building  
Liverpool  
L3 9PP

**Tel:**

Please refer to [www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk](http://www.gov.uk/contact-ukvi-inside-outside-uk)

**Web:** [www.gov.uk/uk-visas-immigration](http://www.gov.uk/uk-visas-immigration)

**Ref:** 029331915

**Date:** 01 September 2021

### **DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION**

This declaration, if signed and sealed, is formal evidence of renunciation of the nationality indicated below by:

**Name :** Michelle Renuka Ananda-Rajah

**Date of Birth :** 10/12/72

**Place and Country of Birth :** London, United Kingdom

**Nationality :** British Citizen

The declaration is registered on the understanding that the person named holds another nationality or citizenship or expects to acquire another nationality or citizenship within six months of the date of renunciation. If another nationality or citizenship is not held or is not acquired within six months, this renunciation will not take effect and the person named will be considered to have retained the British nationality (or nationalities) indicated above.



For the Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Signature

Name

Date of renunciation

HOME OFFICE  
01 SEP 2021  
REGISTERED