

To the Registrar of Senators' Interests,

### Statement in relation to citizenship – 45th Parliament

I declare that at the time I nominated for election in this 45th Parliament I was an Australian citizen.

#### Section 1—Senator's details

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Surname:<br>Sinodinos  |               |
| Other Names:<br>Arthur | State:<br>NSW |

#### Section 2—Senator's birth and citizenship details

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| Place of birth:<br>Newcastle                                     | Citizenship held at birth:<br>Australian  |
| Date of birth:<br><br>25 / 02 / 1957<br>Day      Month      Year | Date of Australian naturalisation:<br><i>(if not an Australian citizen by birth)</i><br><br>/ /<br>Day      Month      Year |

#### Section 3(a)—Senator's parents' birth details

|                 | Mother                                     | Father                                     |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Place of birth: | Cephalonia, Greece                         | Cephalonia, Greece                         |
| Date of birth:  | 06 / 12 / 1922<br>Day      Month      Year | 17 / 12 / 1910<br>Day      Month      Year |

#### Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 13 November 2017
- (2) If there is insufficient space on this form for the information you are required to provide, you may attach additional pages for that purpose. An electronic file of this form is available on [www.aph.gov.au/senators\\_interests](http://www.aph.gov.au/senators_interests).
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Senators' Interests, SG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

**Section 3(b)—Senator's grandparents' birth details**

|                 | Maternal grandmother                              | Maternal grandfather                              |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Place of birth: | Cephalonia, Greece                                | Cephalonia, Greece                                |
| Date of birth:  | Not known<br>Day            Month            Year | Not known<br>Day            Month            Year |

|                 | Paternal grandmother                              | Paternal grandfather                              |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Place of birth: | Cephalonia, Greece                                | Cephalonia, Greece                                |
| Date of birth:  | Not known<br>Day            Month            Year | Not known<br>Day            Month            Year |

**Section 3(c)—Other factors that may be relevant eg: adoption, IVF, or assumption of citizenship through marriage.**

My wife's father was born in Dublin, Republic of Ireland. I have never registered or made any declaration or taken any steps to take up Irish citizenship. My marriage in February 2000 did not confer Irish citizenship on me.

**Section 3(d)**—Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not inherited citizenship of another country from a parent or grandparent.

I engaged ABL (lawyers) to seek advice on Greek law and to conduct searches with relevant authorities in Greece. As a result of those searches, ABL received formal advice from the Greek government confirming I am not a Greek citizen nor have I ever been one, and nor am I, nor have I ever been, entitled to the rights or privileges of a Greek citizen.

My family don't hold records of the dates of birth of my maternal and paternal grandparents, however, based on family recollection they were born and lived on the island of Cephalonia.

**Section 4(a)—Foreign citizenship**

Have you ever been a citizen of any country other than Australia?

- NO** — Proceed to Section 6
- YES** — List the countries that you have been a citizen of, and evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship was renounced or otherwise came to an end.

| Country | Manner of renunciation or other manner in which the foreign citizenship came to an end | Date | Evidence attached |
|---------|--|------|-------------------|
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|         |  |      |                   |

**NB:** Evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship was renounced or otherwise came to an end **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

**Section 4(b)—Foreign citizenship at time of nomination**

On the date you nominated for election in this 45th Parliament were you a citizen of any country other than Australia?

- NO** — Proceed to Section 4(c)
- YES** — Provide evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the country prior to the date of nomination:

| Country | Action | Date | Evidence attached |
|---------|--------|------|-------------------|
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***NB:** Evidence of the steps taken to renounce foreign citizenship prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.*

**Section 4(c)—Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?**

- NO** — Proceed to Section 5
- YES** — Provide evidence and details of steps taken to renounce citizenship:

| Country | Action | Date | Evidence attached |
|---------|--------|------|-------------------|
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***NB:** Evidence of the steps taken to renounce foreign citizenship prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.*

**Section 5—Senator with foreign citizenship at nomination or now**

*Complete this section if you answered YES in section 4(b) or 4(c)*

| Basis on which the Member contends she or he is not disqualified under s 44(i) | Evidence attached |
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**Section 6—General declaration**

I declare that I have completed this statement to the best of my knowledge and have attached all evidence relevant to my declarations.

Signed

Date

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|  | 30 , 11 , 2017<br>Day                      Month                      Year |
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HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
EMBASSY OF GREECE  
CANBERRA

REGISTRY OF  
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SENATORS' INTERESTS

TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH

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**Most Urgent**  
**Via Electronic Mail**

Athens, 2/8/2017  
Protocol No. 208394/24497

To: Embassy of Greece in Canberra  
Email: grcon.can@mfa.gr

**Subject:** "Citizenship matter of Athanasios (Arthur) SINODINOS of Dionysios and Kalifronia, born in 1957, Australia  
**Re:** Embassy of Greece in Canberra Document nu. 2760/39/AS616/1.8.2017

In response to the above, under reference, document regarding the subject issue, we communicate the following:

According to article 27 of the Greek Nationality Code (L.3284/2004) combined with article 1 of the Provisions Code for Male Registries (L.2119/1993), the acquisition of greek nationality/citizenship is proven by the registration within the Municipal and Male Registries (cases of males) of the Greek State.

In the specific case, and after investigation conducted by our Offices, no such registration of Athanasios (Arthur) Sinodinos of Dionysios and Kalifronia, born in 1957 in Australia, in either the Municipal of Male Registries appeared.

Consequently, as no registration ever took place within the Municipal or Male Registries of any Municipality of the State, he can not be considered a Greek citizen/national, nor is he considered to have Greek citizenship, as per the provisions of the aforementioned legislation.

The Minister (Official Seal of the Ministry of Interior)  
P. SKOURLETIS True Copy  
The Head of the Secretariat and  
Archives of the Citizenship Division  
(signature)  
ANT. ANTHOPOULOU


CC: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic  
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Canberra, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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