



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives

05 DEC 2017

Citizenship Register

To the Registrar of Members' 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—Member's details

Surname	Other Names
LEESER	JULIAN MARTIN
Electorate	State
BEROWRA	NSW

Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
Sydney, Australia	Australian
Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation (if not an Australian citizen by birth)
25 / 5 / 1976 Day Month Year	/ / Day Month Year

Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 December 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 version of this form is available at <http://members.parl.net/citizenship> (internal link).
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Members' Interests, RG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

Section 3(a)—Member's parents' birth details

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	Sydney, Australia	Sydney, Australia
Date of birth:	8 / 7 / 1949 Day Month Year	01 / 07 / 1941 Day Month Year

Section 3(b)—Member's grandparents' birth details

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Sydney, Australia	Cobargo, NSW, Australia
Date of birth:	10 / 01 / 1921 Day Month Year	14 / 04 / 1907 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Budingen, Germany	Sydney, Australia
Date of birth:	03 / 10 / 1921 Day Month Year	03 / 02 / 1913 Day Month Year

Section 3(c)—Member's spouse details (if applicable)

	Spouse
Place of birth:	Sydney, Australia
Date of birth:	10 / 04 / 1979 Day Month Year

Section 3(d)

Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not acquired citizenship of another country by descent, marriage or other means.

I could not have inherited citizenship of another country from my maternal grandparents or my paternal grandfather.

I conducted legal research and received legal advice from German and Australian lawyers to ensure that I did not inherit German citizenship from my paternal grandmother.

I have not inherited German citizenship from her.

There are at least three independent reasons why I did not. By that I mean each of the reasons, on its own, is a complete answer to why I don't hold German citizenship

First, under the German law in force when my paternal grandparents got married in 1940 in Australia, my paternal grandmother lost her German citizenship when she married my grandfather, a non-German. Under Australian law in force at the time she took my grandfather's citizenship when they got married. Therefore, my grandmother was not a German citizen when my father was born in 1941 and he did not inherit German citizenship from his mother.

Second, even if my grandmother was a German citizen when my father was born in 1941 (which she was not), under German law in force at the time my father would have inherited the citizenship of his father and not his mother.

Therefore, neither my father nor I have ever held the status of German citizenship.

It is interesting to note, that even if the first two points did not exist there is a third reason why I would not have the status of German citizenship. As Jews my grandmother and father would have been stripped of German citizenship rights if they had held them when the Nazi laws came into force. After those Nazi laws were repealed, any descendants who were born overseas would need to apply for German citizenship. It was not automatically conferred on them by the laws brought in to reverse the Nazi laws. Even though for the first two reasons I would never have been eligible to apply for German citizenship, I confirm that I cannot apply and have never applied for it.

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 of any other country was renounced or otherwise came to an end in accordance with the laws of the relevant country.*

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

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**

☐ **YES** — *Provide details and evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination.*

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

NB: Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

Section 4(c)—Foreign citizenship now

Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?

☐**NO**☐

YES — Provide details and evidence of any steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country.

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached
NB: Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country should be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.			

Section 5—Member with foreign citizenship at nomination or now

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

Basis on which you contend you are not disqualified under s 44(i) of the Constitution	Evidence attached
NB: Please date and initial each page of any attachment.	

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:
	<div>4 / 12 / 17</div> <div>Day Month Year</div>