



To the Registrar of Members' Interests,

Citizenship Register

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
O'CONNOR	BRENDAN
Electorate	State
GORTON	VICTORIA

Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM	IRISH AND BRITISH

Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation <i>(if not an Australian citizen by birth)</i>
02 / 03 / 1962 Day Month Year	07 / 07 / 1995 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:	THURLES, IRELAND	TRALEE, IRELAND
Date of birth:	19 / 08 / 1939 Day Month Year	20 / 01 / 1937 Day Month Year

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

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	THURLES, IRELAND	THURLES, IRELAND
Date of birth:	02 / 02 / 1912 Day Month Year	29 / 06 / 1901 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	TRALEE, IRELAND	TRALEE, IRELAND
Date of birth:	/ / 1911 Day Month Year	/ / 1901 Day Month Year

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

	Spouse
Place of birth:	MAITLAND, AUSTRALIA
Date of birth:	14 / 11 / 1970 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 was born in London to Irish parents in 1962. My parents, and all four of my grandparents, were Irish citizens only. I came to Australia with my parents in 1968, aged 6. I travelled on my father's Irish passport.

In December 1981, when I was 19 years old, I successfully applied for an Irish passport as I intended to travel overseas on my own for the first time. At that time, I was advised I that I might have an entitlement to British citizenship because of the place of my birth. While I had a strong affinity with my Irish heritage, I did not consider myself in any way aligned by culture or family to Britain. I did not want to hold British citizenship. Further, I (it transpires erroneously) believed that an individual could only hold citizenship of two countries, and I wanted those two countries to be Ireland and Australia. So, I wrote to the relevant UK authority to renounce any potential claim I may have had to British citizenship.

I received an acknowledgement letter from the UK authorities and believed that to be the end of the matter. I have not retained or been able to retrieve a copy of that correspondence.

On 7 July 1995 I was naturalised as an Australian citizen.

When I first stood as a candidate for the Australian parliament in 2001, I was aware I needed to renounce my Irish citizenship to ensure that I was an Australian citizen only. I submitted a declaration of alienage to relinquish my Irish citizenship and subsequently received a letter from the Irish government that my Irish citizenship ceased with effect on 15 October 2001.

As a result of my correspondence with UK authorities 20 years earlier, I believed that I did not hold British citizenship. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, I contacted the British Home Office by phone. I was informed I could not be found on the citizenship registry. I therefore considered my application of renunciation sent 20 years earlier must have had its intended effect.

Based on the information I received from the British Home Office, I considered I had discharged all I had to do to satisfy the constitutional requirements to stand for parliament. At no time prior to 2010 did I receive any advice that I should obtain any formal evidence that I had no claim to British citizenship.

Prior to the 2010 election the ALP candidate vetting team advised me that, out of an abundance of caution, it was preferable to have formal evidence that I had no claim to British citizenship. Given I could not find any documents of my 1981 renunciation, I decided to submit a declaration of renunciation form to the British Home Office to obtain formal documentary evidence that I was not, and was not eligible to be, a British citizen. I indicated in the declaration of renunciation that, "I make this Declaration to remove any doubt that may or may not exist about my citizenship status as I have held and hold the belief that I am an Australian citizen only".

I received an acknowledgement from the British Home Office confirming that I was not a British citizen by way of a Renunciation Notice dated 10 August 2010.

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
IRELAND	I submitted a declaration of alienage to relinquish my Irish citizenship in 2001. I received a letter from the Irish Government that my Irish citizenship ceased to have effect.	15/10/2001 (date of effect)	YES
UNITED KINGDOM	Letter of renunciation. Re-affirmation of renunciation.	1981 2010	see 3(d) YES

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

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached
<i>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.</i>			

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
<i>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.</i>			

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
<i>NB: Please date and initial each page of any attachment.</i>	

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:
	5 , 12 , 2017 Day Month Year



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8 September 2010

Brendan Patrick John O'Connor



Dear Mr O'Connor

Please find enclosed the stamped copy of your declaration of renunciation, which constitutes formal evidence that you ceased to be a British citizen on 10 August 2010.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Northcott'.

Stephen Northcott
Vice Consul
Canberra



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DECLARATION OF RENUNCIATION OF BRITISH CITIZENSHIP, BRITISH OVERSEAS CITIZENSHIP, BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES CITIZENSHIP, BRITISH NATIONAL (OVERSEAS) OR BRITISH SUBJECT STATUS

This declaration, if signed and stamped below, is formal evidence of renunciation.

1. I (full name) BRENDAN PATRICK JOHN
O'CONNOR

of (full address) [REDACTED]
AUSTRALIA

was born on (date of birth) 02 03 1962 Postcode 3036

at (place and country of birth) LONDON ENGLAND

2. I am a: (please tick)

- British citizen
- British Overseas citizen
- British overseas territories citizen
- British National (Overseas)
- British subject

I wish to renounce: (please tick)

- British citizenship
- British Overseas citizenship
- British overseas territories citizenship
- British National (Overseas) status
- British subject status

n.b. I make this Declaration to remove any doubt that may or may not exist about my citizenship status as I have held and hold the belief that I am ~~only~~ an Australian citizen only Brendan O'Connor.

3. I hold the following citizenship or nationality other than the citizenship or status I wish to renounce:
AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP

4. I am about to acquire the following citizenship or nationality after making this declaration:

5. I, (full name in BLOCK LETTERS) BRENDAN PATRICK JOHN O'CONNOR
declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the details given on this form are true.

Signature [REDACTED] Date 12/07/10

Official confirmation of renunciation:

Signature A. O'Connell

Home office

HOME OFFICE
10 AUG 2010
REGISTERED



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Australian Citizenship Act 1948

Certificate of Australian Citizenship

BRENDAN PATRICK JOHN O'CONNOR

born on 2nd March 1962

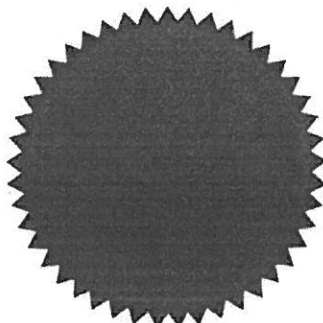
having applied for a Certificate of Australian Citizenship, having satisfied the conditions prescribed by the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 for the grant of such a Certificate and having undertaken to fulfil the responsibilities of a citizen,

*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 7th July 1995.*

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


**MINISTER
FOR IMMIGRATION
AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS**

No. ME9200839L



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Mr Brendan Patrick O'Connor,



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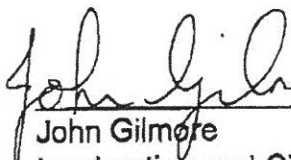
Our Ref: 145/14/98

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to acknowledge that you, Brendan Patrick O'Connor of [REDACTED], Australia born on 2nd March, 1962 in London, England have made a declaration of alienage in the prescribed manner to relinquish your Irish citizenship.

Under the provisions of Section 21 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956, as substituted by Section 7 of the 1986 Act, you will cease to be an Irish citizen upon the acquisition of another citizenship, or if you already hold another citizenship, your Irish citizenship ceases with effect from the date of issue of this letter.

Yours sincerely,


John Gilmore
Immigration and Citizenship Division



15th October, 2001