



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives

05 DEC 2017

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
Robert	Stuart Rowland

Electorate	State
Fadden	QLD

Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
Dandenong, Victoria	Australian

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.

Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation (if not an Australian citizen by birth)
11 / 12 / 1970 Day Month Year	/ / Day Month Year

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

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	Paddington, NSW	Dandenong, Victoria
Date of birth:	22 / 10 / 1940 Day Month Year	8 / 8 / 1937 Day Month Year

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

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Leigh, Lancashire, England	Quirindi, NSW
Date of birth:	19 / 10 / 1907 Day Month Year	1 / 3 / 1905 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Newmarket, Victoria	Beechworth, Victoria
Date of birth:	20 / 9 / 1912 Day Month Year	24 / 2 / 1907 Day Month Year

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

	Spouse
Place of birth:	Crows Nest, QLD
Date of birth:	<div>22 / 7 / 1976</div> <div>Day Month Year</div>

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.

Under the *British Nationality Act 1948*, a person born between 1949 and 1983 could inherit British citizenship only from his or her father (see section 5). Therefore, even assuming my mother was a British citizen, I cannot have inherited that citizenship. I understand that the *British Nationality Act 1981* (being the Act which replaced the 1948 Act) was amended in 2003 to allow for the registration of persons born to British mothers before 1 January 1983 as British citizens. However, this requires a positive act of application. I have never made such an application to be registered as a British citizen, and therefore could not have acquired British citizenship from my mother.

Further, under that Act, the general rule was that no person born between 1949 and 1983 could become a British citizen by descent from a parent who was himself a citizen by descent only (see section 5). The limited exceptions to that rule are not relevant to me. Therefore, even assuming my mother was somehow a British citizen by descent, I cannot myself have inherited that citizenship.

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

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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?

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NO

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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 / 2017</div> <div>Day Month Year</div>