



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
Sukkar	Michael Sven
Electorate	State
Deakin	Victoria

Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
Victoria, Australia	Australian
Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation (if not an Australian citizen by birth)
11 / 09 / 1981 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:	Victoria, Australia	Becharre, Lebanon
Date of birth:	12 / 09 / 1952 Day Month Year	28 / 02 / 1948 Day Month Year

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

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Victoria, Australia	Aker, Norway
Date of birth:	07 / 07 / 1929 Day Month Year	26 / 06 / 1926 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Becharre, Lebanon	Becharre, Lebanon
Date of birth:	10 / 05 / 1920 Day Month Year	14 / 02 / 1918 Day Month Year

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

	Spouse
Place of birth:	Tasmania, Australia
Date of birth:	22 / 10 / 1983 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.

Lebanon:

1. Prior to nominating for Parliament, I sought advice from the Lebanese Consulate in Melbourne in relation to whether I was a Lebanese citizen by descent.
2. I was advised that as my birth had not been registered in Lebanon, and my parents' marriage had not been registered in Lebanon, I was not a Lebanese citizen under Lebanese law.
3. I sought an updated letter of advice (see attached) from the Embassy of Lebanon in Canberra in November 2017, confirming I am not, and have never been, a Lebanese citizen.

Norway:

1. Prior to nominating for Parliament, I researched Norwegian citizenship law and was satisfied I did not fit the criteria to attain Norwegian citizenship by descent.
2. I sought an updated letter of advice (see attached) from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Canberra in November 2017 confirming I am not, and have never been, a Norwegian citizen.

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 style="text-align: center;"> 4 / 12 / 2017 </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> Day Month Year </div>



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY

To whom it may concern

This is to confirm that according to Norwegian Citizenship Law, Mr Michael Sven Sukkar (MP) is not a Norwegian citizen.

Canberra, 14 November 2017


Turid Hvidsten
First Secretary



Ref. n: 1065/3

Canberra in 6 November 2017

The Honourable
Mr. Michael Sukkar, MP
Member for Deakin, Victoria
Assistant Minister to the Treasurer

Honourable Mr. Sukkar

Further to your inquiry about your possible registration in the Lebanese civil status registers, and after having verified your father [REDACTED]'s records in the town of Becharre-Lebanon who, as at 3 November 2017, is still registered as "Single" (i.e. never married and no progeny), I hereby inform you that:

You are not a registered citizen of Lebanon, and you have never been registered as such. As a non citizen, you are not entitled to the rights and privileges of a Lebanese citizen.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Charge d'Affaires a.i
Giscard El Khoury



Attachment:
Copy of an extract of identity for [REDACTED]