

QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

ASHVINI AMBIHAIPAHAR

Please fill out this checklist.

Be aware that completing this checklist does not guarantee that you are eligible to be elected under section 44 of the Australian Constitution or under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

If you have any doubts about your eligibility, you should seek independent legal advice.

If you provide information in this checklist that you know is false or misleading, you may commit an offence against the *Criminal Code* with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 12 months, \$12,600 or both.

You must answer every question in the checklist that has check boxes by marking one, and only one, of the boxes provided. Your nomination will be rejected if you do not mark any of the boxes, or if you mark more than one of the boxes, provided for any of these questions.

Please provide supporting documentation as appropriate. You may provide additional documents if you are unable to fit all your responses in this checklist.

Note: If you answer 'yes' in question 10 then you **must provide at least one document** in response to question 10a.

You should not include information in this checklist, or in any additional documents you provide, that is inappropriate in any way. If you do, the information may be redacted by the Electoral Commissioner and not published on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.

You may choose to redact information (for example, your own or another person's personal information) from additional documents before providing them. Redactions must be in accordance with any directions of the Electoral Commissioner.

The candidate statement and declaration that you have made elsewhere in this nomination also relate to your eligibility to be elected. In that statement and declaration:

- (a) you have declared that you are qualified under the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth to be elected as a Senator or member of the House of Representatives; and
- (b) you have stated that you are an Australian citizen.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory

1. Do you know the place of birth of each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)?*

☒ YES
☐ NO

- 1a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the place of birth of a parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' places of birth

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 1a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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2. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know was born in another country? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent.*

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 2a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Place of Birth	SRI LANKA	Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	/ / 1963	Date of Birth	/ /
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDFATHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Place of Birth	SRI LANKA	Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	/ / 1929	Date of Birth	/ /
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Place of Birth	SRI LANKA	Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	/ / 1938	Date of Birth	/ /

- 2b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' places and dates of birth

My biological father is not recorded on my birth certificate. However, I understand that he and both of his parents (my biological paternal grandparents) were born in Papua New Guinea.

My step-father was born in Malaysia. However, I was never adopted by my step-father.

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 2a and 2b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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3. Have you provided details in question 2a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country?*

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 3a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know was born in another country

4. Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your parents and grandparents (whether biological or adoptive)? *

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO

- 4a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the citizenships held at a particular time by a particular parent or grandparent):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of your parents' and grandparents' citizenships

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 4a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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5. Do you have a parent or grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means? This may be a biological or adoptive parent or grandparent.*

☒ YES
☐ NO
☐ N/A

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

- 5a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)

MOTHER

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)

Country of foreign citizenship

SRI LANKA + PNG

Country of foreign citizenship

Period foreign citizenship held

Period foreign citizenship held

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)

MATERNAL GRANDFATHER

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)

Country of foreign citizenship

SRI LANKA

Country of foreign citizenship

Period foreign citizenship held

Period foreign citizenship held

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)

MATERNAL GRANDMOTHER

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)

Country of foreign citizenship

SRI LANKA

Country of foreign citizenship

Period foreign citizenship held

Period foreign citizenship held

- 5b. Please provide any other relevant details:

Other relevant details relating to your parents' and grandparents' foreign citizenships

I understand my biological father and his parents are citizens of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

My mother was a citizen of Sri Lanka when I was born and she became a citizen of PNG in 1989, after I was born.

My step-father is a citizen of Malaysia. However, as noted above, I was never adopted by my step-father.

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 5a and 5b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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6. Have you provided details in question 5a in relation to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country by descent, naturalisation or other means?*

(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 6a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each parent and grandparent that you know acquired citizenship of another country

7. Do you know which citizenships have been held by each of your current and former spouses and similar partners?*

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 7a. Please provide any relevant details (for example, why you do not know the particular citizenships held at a particular time by a current or former spouse or similar partner):

Other relevant details relating to your knowledge of the citizenships of your current and former spouses and similar partners

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to question 7a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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8. Do you have a current or former spouse or similar partner who you know is or was a citizen of another country?*

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

☒ YES
☐ NO
☐ N/A

- 8a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you
(e.g. wife or former de facto partner) Husband

Country of foreign citizenship South Africa

Was foreign citizenship held at the time
of marriage (if applicable)? Yes

Relationship to you
(e.g. wife or former de facto partner)

Country of foreign citizenship

Was foreign citizenship held at the time
of marriage (if applicable)?

- 8b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, whether you acquired foreign citizenship because of a spouse's foreign citizenship):

Other relevant details relating to your current or former spouse's or similar partner's foreign citizenship

A person does not automatically become South African by marrying a citizen of South Africa. I have never taken any steps to acquire South African citizenship.

[Please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any details provided in response to questions 8a and 8b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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9. Have you provided details in question 8a in relation to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country?*

(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, or you do not know the citizenship of any of your current or former spouses or similar partners, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

- 9a. If 'no', please explain why you have not provided those details:

Explanation of why you have not provided details relating to each current or former spouse or similar partner that you know is or was a citizen of another country

10. Have you ever been a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia?*

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	UNKNOWN

- 10a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign citizenship

Manner in which foreign citizenship was lost (if applicable)

Date of losing foreign citizenship (if applicable)

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* [If you contend that you have renounced or lost your foreign citizenship, you **must provide at least one document** that you are satisfied supports your contention. (The document may be an official document, or if you have no official document, a statutory declaration.) This will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

- 10b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, how you lost your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 10 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to the loss of your foreign citizenship

See attachment

[In addition to the requirement to provide at least one document mentioned under question 10a, please provide particulars of, or documents related to, any other details provided in response to questions 10a and 10b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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11. Are you now a subject or citizen of any country other than Australia?*

☐ YES
☒ NO
☐ UNKNOWN

11a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Country of foreign
citizenship

Date of acquiring
foreign citizenship

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Country of foreign
citizenship

Date of acquiring
foreign citizenship

 / /

11b. Please provide any other relevant details (for example, why you are prevented from renouncing your foreign citizenship, or why the response to question 11 is unknown):

Other relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(i) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to questions 11a and 11b. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

12. Are you under sentence or subject to be sentenced, for an offence for which you have been convicted, which is punishable by imprisonment for one year or longer?*

☐ YES
☒ NO

NOTE: A person convicted of an offence with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for one year or longer may be disqualified even if the sentence imposed on the person for the offence is less than the maximum penalty.

12a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(ii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 12a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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13. Are you an undischarged bankrupt or insolvent? *

☐ YES
☒ NO

13a. If 'yes', please provide any relevant details:

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iii) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 13a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

14. Do you hold an office of profit under the Crown, other than an office expressly exempt from section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution? *

☐ YES
☒ NO
☐ UNKNOWN

(Offices of profit under the Crown include, for example, many public sector jobs in Australia.)

14a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, the relevant body in which you hold the office of profit and your role, or why the response to question 14 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(iv) of the Australian Constitution

[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 14a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

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15. Do you have a direct or indirect financial interest in any contract or other agreement with the Commonwealth public service?*

Do not count an interest that is expressly excluded from section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution, such as a shareholding in a company that has 25 or more other shareholders.

NOTE: Section 44(v) may disqualify you even if you are not a party to the relevant contract or agreement. A disqualifying financial interest may arise, for example, from an agreement between the Commonwealth public service and a trustee of a family trust of which you are a beneficiary.

☐ YES
☒ NO
☐ UNKNOWN

- 15a. Please provide any relevant details, to the extent known (for example, your direct or indirect financial interests, or why the response to question 15 is unknown):

Relevant details relating to possible disqualification by reason of section 44(v) of the Australian Constitution

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[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 15a. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

16. Please provide any additional details relating to your qualification under the Australian Constitution or the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*:

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[Please provide particulars of, and documents related to, any details provided in your response to question 16. These will be published with this checklist on the Australian Electoral Commission's website.]

I confirm the information in the checklist provided above, and any additional information provided in support of my statements, to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of candidate

Date

5 / 04 / 25

Response to Question 10b

I was born and raised by my uncle (my mother's brother) and other extended family members, in Sydney. I am an Australian citizen by birth by virtue of section 10(2)(b) of the *Australian Citizenship Act 1948*.

I could not have obtained citizenship of Papua New Guinea at birth through my biological father, who is not recorded on my birth certificate, including because my birth was never registered with the Papua New Guinean authorities in accordance with Papua New Guinean nationality law.

I was not included in my mother's application for Papua New Guinean citizenship, which was lodged after I was born and while I was living in Australia with my extended family, and so I did not become a citizen of Papua New Guinea through my mother.

Under Sri Lankan nationality law, a person born overseas to a Sri Lankan parent does not become a citizen of Sri Lanka unless his or her birth is registered with the Government of Sri Lanka. My birth was never registered with the Government of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, I never acquired citizenship of Sri Lanka.

Even if I had acquired PNG or Sri Lankan citizenship as a minor, I would have ceased to be a citizen of either country by operation of Papua New Guinean or Sri Lankan citizenship law, as applicable (noting that both countries require a person to take active steps to maintain dual citizenship shortly after the person becomes an adult, which I have not done).

Even if I had been formally adopted by my Malaysian step-father, which I wasn't, this would not automatically make me a citizen of Malaysia.

I have never taken any steps to acquire Papua New Guinean, Sri Lankan or Malaysian citizenship and no steps have been taken on my behalf.

I have obtained legal advice confirming I am not a citizen of Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea or Malaysia.