

To the Registrar of Senators' 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—Senator's details

Surname: ABETZ	
Other Names: ERIC	State: TASMANIA

#### Section 2—Senator's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth: STUTTGART	Citizenship held at birth: GERMAN
Date of birth: 25 / 1 / 1958 Day Month Year	Date of Australian naturalisation: <i>(if not an Australian citizen by birth)</i> 3 / 12 / 1974 Day Month Year

#### Section 3(a)—Senator's parents' birth details

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	GERMANY	GERMANY
Date of birth:	27 / 5 / 1921 Day Month Year	12 / 6 / 1920 Day Month Year

#### Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 13 November 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 file of this form is available on [www.aph.gov.au/senators\\_interests](http://www.aph.gov.au/senators_interests).
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Senators' Interests, SG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

**Section 3(b)—Senator’s grandparents’ birth details**

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	GERMANY	GERMANY
Date of birth:	22 / 10 / 1894 Day Month Year	15 / 5 / 1892 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	GERMANY	GERMANY
Date of birth:	30 / 7 / 1893 Day Month Year	29 / 3 / 1896 Day Month Year

**Section 3(c)**—Other factors that may be relevant eg: adoption, IVF, or assumption of citizenship through marriage.

None to my knowledge.

**Section 3(d)**—Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not inherited citizenship of another country from a parent or grandparent.

Confirmed the birthplaces of my maternal and paternal grandparents to ensure that my German renunciation comprehensively removed any foreign citizenships.

Under the [Australian Citizenship Act 1948](#) as it applied in 1974, I could not become an Australian citizen if I did not renounce my German citizenship and under section 25 of the [German Nationality Act 1913](#), which is in force to this day, a German citizen loses their German citizenship upon acquiring a foreign 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 was renounced or otherwise came to an end.

Country	Manner of renunciation or other manner in which the foreign citizenship came to an end	Date	Evidence attached
GERMANY	Publically renounced foreign citizenship.	3/12/1974	YES
	Further wrote to confirm renunciation from <u>both</u> Germany and West Germany.	26/11/1992	YES
	Certificate of Renunciation from the Republic of Germany (obtained during High Court proceedings to confirm previous renunciation)	8/2/2010	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 — Proceed to Section 4(c)
- YES — Provide evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the country prior to the date of nomination:

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

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

**Section 4(c)—Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?**

NO — Proceed to Section 5

YES — Provide evidence and details of steps taken to renounce citizenship:

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

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

**Section 5—Senator with foreign citizenship at nomination or now**

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


Basis on which the Member contends she or he is not disqualified under s 44(i)	Evidence attached

**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

	<p>27 / 11 / 2017</p> <p>Day                      Month                      Year</p>
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**ATTACHMENT 1 – RENOUNCEMENT OF GERMAN CITIZENSHIP**



**AFFIRMATION OR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Australian Citizenship Act 1948-1973

I, **Erich ABETZ**  
(Name in Full)

renouncing all other allegiance.

\*swear by Almighty God ~~solemnly and conscientiously promise and declare~~ that I will be

faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Australia, Her heirs and successors according to law, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Australia and fulfil my duties as an Australian citizen.

I, **Jan URBANSKI**  
(Name in Full)

hereby certify that on the day and at the place mentioned below the abovenamed, an applicant for Australian citizenship, appeared before me and \*swore an Oath ~~solemnly and conscientiously~~ of allegiance in the above form.

Date **3 December 1974**

Place **Hobart**

Signature   
Title **Migration Officer Grade 1**

\*Delete whichever does not apply.

**ATTACHMENT 2 – CARBON COPY OF 26 NOVEMBER 1992 LETTER**

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26th November, 1992

The German Embassy  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

**RE: GERMAN CITIZENSHIP**

I write to you having been born in Stuttgart, West Germany on the 25th day of January, 1958. I am currently seeking election to the Federal Parliament. I became an Australian citizen through the appropriate citizenship ceremony in 1975.

Given the latest High Court ruling in the relation to the possibility of dual citizenship, I write to advise that any citizenship that I may still have with West Germany or Germany is hereby renounced and I consider myself simply to be solely an Australian citizen.

In the event that anything further is required please advise immediately so that those matter can be attended to.

Yours sincerely,

ERIC ABETZ

# ATTACHMENT 3 – CERTIFICATE OF RENUNCIATION OBTAINED IN 2010

(Obtained during High Court proceedings in 2010 to confirm previous renunciation)

## BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND



### Verzichtsurskunde

Vorname(n), Familienname, Geburtsname

Erich ABETZ -/-

geboren am  
25. Januar 1958

in  
Stuttgart

Wohnort

Blackmans Bay

\*): Nichtzutreffendes streichen

hat mit dem Zeitpunkt der Aushändigung dieser Urkunde die

deutsche Staatsangehörigkeit durch Verzicht verloren. \*)

~~Rechtsstellung als Deutscher ohne deutsche Staatsangehörigkeit  
im Sinne des Artikels 116 Abs. 1 des Grundgesetzes durch Verzicht verloren. \*)~~

Ort, Datum:

Köln, den 8. Februar 2010

Bundesverwaltungsamt  
III B2-285515/01-V



Im Auftrag

*Vohwinkel*

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Ausgehändigt am

11.02.2010

