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I am somewhat astounded that the Parliament has seen fit to refer the matter of dual citizenship to your committee.

The constitution is clear as to what is legally required of an MP in terms of declaring citizenship and this has been found to be the case by the High Court no less.

Clarification could perhaps be made within the declaration as to the “reasonable steps” to be taken to verify ones citizenship status.

In regard to making a false declaration a nominated person for election is no different to any other member of the public.

This ought to be no different to declarations on other requirements when standing for parliament. If a person is not capable of honestly declaring such details they should not be accepted by the AEC and should face prosecution.

Yours Respectfully Les Yule