



To the Registrar of Members' 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—Member's details**

Surname	Other Names
BOWEN	CHRIS

Electorate	State
MCMAHON	NSW

**Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details**

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIAN

Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation <i>(if not an Australian citizen by birth)</i>
17 / 1 / 1973 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:	UNITED KINGDOM	AUSTRALIA
Date of birth:	20 / 11 / 1936 Day Month Year	12 / 10 / 1943 Day Month Year

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

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	UNITED KINGDOM	UNITED KINGDOM
Date of birth:	15 / 6 / 1911 Day Month Year	12 / 9 / 1906 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	AUSTRALIA	AUSTRALIA
Date of birth:	6 / 12 / 1914 Day Month Year	13 / 5 / 1915 Day Month Year

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

	Spouse
Place of birth:	AUSTRALIA
Date of birth:	3 / 1 / 1974 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.

Prior to nominating for the House of Representatives in 2004, I sought advice on my UK citizenship status and was advised that, due to the year of my birth, UK citizenship at that time was only conferred by descent through patrilineal lines not matrilineal. This advice has been confirmed at each election since.

Given recent events, I contacted the UK Home Office to confirm my status. They advised that: "I can confirm that, based on the facts of your birth (in Australia on 17th January 1973 to a UK born mother), you do not have a claim to British citizenship" and further that: "there is no trace of you having acquired British citizenship."

Accordingly, I am not a citizen of the UK.

**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:
		<p style="text-align: center;">04 / 12 / 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Day                  Month                  Year</p>

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**From:** Hughes, Caroline  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 September 2017 6:27 PM  
**To:** Bowen, Chris  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Page, Ian (Liverpool)  
**Subject:** RE: Non-Citizenship

Good morning Chris

I am replying in Ian's absence.

I can confirm that, based on the facts of your birth (in Australia on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1973 to a UK born mother), you do not have a claim to British citizenship. This is because, prior to 1 January 1983 when the British Nationality Act (BNA) 1981 came into force, British nationality could only be passed down through the male line to children born overseas.

A provision was introduced in 2003, by way of an amendment to the BNA 1981, which allowed for the Registration of persons born to British mothers before 1 January 1983 - however this required a positive action of application - followed by a ceremony at which citizenship is awarded to successful applicants.

I have attached a link to form NQ which, when completed and countersigned by this office, provides confirmation that there is no record of you having registered as a British citizen. If you could complete this form and forward a scanned copy to me by email this will be processed as a priority, a copy scanned to you by email, and the hard copy returned to you by post (International Signed for Delivery). The fee for this service is £234 and a link to a payment mandate is also attached.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards

Caroline


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Form NQ (Part 2)

Confirmation of the non-acquisition of British citizenship

Name and address to which confirmation of non acquisition should be sent:

NA 0491291

If this is the address of a foreign embassy, you must have submitted your passport renewal application. State the reference number for your passport renewal:

[Empty box for reference number]

Your details:

Title - please select:

Mr

Mrs

Miss

Ms

Other (please state)

Forenames:

C H R I S T O P H E R E Y L E S G O Y

Surname/Family name:

B O W E N

Other names by which you have been known:

[Empty grid]

Date of birth:

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Town and country of birth:

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Nationality:

AUSTRALIAN

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According to UKV&I records from October 1986 there is no trace of the above named person having acquired British citizenship.

Signed on behalf of UKVI:

*Tennet J* 05/09/2017

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