



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



To the Registrar of Members' Interests

**Statement of Member's qualifications relating to
sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution
46th Parliament**

FAMILY NAME	Morton		
GIVEN NAMES	Ben		
ELECTORAL DIVISION	Tangney	STATE	WA

Attestation under paragraph (5) of the resolution adopted on 4 April 2019

The material I provided to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in respect of my last nomination for election, in accordance with Part XIV of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, is complete and accurate.

Yes

No

Supplementary material

If you have marked 'no' or wish to provide supplementary material to augment, explain or correct information provided to the AEC, please separately complete the form 'Supplementary material regarding Member's qualifications relating to sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution'.

Signed: _____

Date: 29 July 2019

Notes

1. The requirement to make this statement is contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on 4 April 2019.
2. Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Members' Interests, RG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

BEN MORTON

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 1978*.

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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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

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)	M-GRANDFATHER
Place of Birth	MANCHESTER, UK	Place of Birth	DUBLIN, IRELAND
Date of Birth	26 /12 /1946	Date of Birth	17 /03 /1922
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	M-GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	.
Place of Birth	MANCHESTER, UK	Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	29 /01 /1927	Date of Birth	/ /
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)		Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Place of Birth		Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	/ /	Date of Birth	/ /

2b. Please provide any other relevant details:

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

[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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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

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 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 type="checkbox"/> | YES |
| <input checked="" 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

I know the citizenships of each of my Parents and Grandparents with the exception of my Maternal Grandfather.

I have a copy of my Maternal Grandfather's British Passport confirming his British Citizenship. Given my Maternal Grandfather's Date of Birth, unknown date of arrival in England and having no other documents, I have no evidence of him having had Irish citizenship or in the event he did hold Irish citizenship having maintained or renounced any Irish citizenship.

[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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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

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)	M-GRANDFATHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	MOTHER
Country of foreign citizenship	ENGLAND	Country of foreign citizenship	ENGLAND
Period foreign citizenship held	FROM 17/03/1922	Period foreign citizenship held	FROM 26/12/1946
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	M-GRANDMOTHER	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Country of foreign citizenship	ENGLAND	Country of foreign citizenship	
Period foreign citizenship held	From 29/01/1927	Period foreign citizenship held	
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)		Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Country of foreign citizenship		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

REFER TO 4A.

[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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QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

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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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

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.)
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | YES |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | NO |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 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)

Country of foreign citizenship

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

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

[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 type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" 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) / /

* (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

(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 / /

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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Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

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? *

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

YES
 NO
 UNKNOWN

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.

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

[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*:

Documents attached.

[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

18/9/19

Form NQ (Part 3)

Confirmation of the non-acquisition of British

NA 0491026

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

BEN MORTON
PO Box 329
WILLETTON WESTERN AUSTRALIA
6955
AUSTRALIA

And

[Redacted] RApt. gov. AU

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:

Your details:

Title - please select:

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (please state)

Forenames:

B E N

Surname/Family name:

MORTON

Other names by which you have been known:

Date of birth: 29 06 1981

Town and country of birth:

GOSFORD AUSTRALIA

Nationality:

AUSTRALIAN

FOR UK VISAS & IMMIGRATION USE ONLY

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

Signed on behalf of UKVI:

[Signature] 14/08/17

This document is only valid for 3 months from the date of issue.

4/12/17

Morton, Ben (MP)

Subject: Citizenship
Attachments: Mr B Morton pdf

From: Page, Ian (Liverpool) (mailto: [redacted]@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)
Sent: Monday, 14 August 2017 11:10 PM
To: Morton, Ben [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]@fco.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Citizenship

Dear Ben,

Our records check is now complete and I attach confirmation that you have not acquired British citizenship. A hard copy is in the mail under International Signed For tracking number RU179599895GB. This is our standard product for a query of this kind – which, as you will see, is a signed and embossed version of the form you completed.

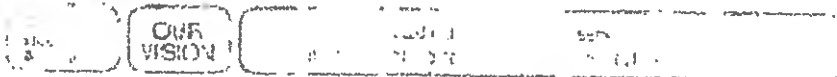
I can also confirm that you have no automatic claim to British citizenship as a consequence of your mother's birth in the UK

Regards,

Ian

Ian Page
Deputy Chief Caseworker for Nationality Group
UKVI Service Delivery Manager for the Life in the UK Test

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7 January, 2019

Mr Ben Morton MP
Federal Liberal Member for Tangney
6 Aveley Street, WILLETTON WA 6155
PO Box 329,
WILLETTON WA 6955

Dear Ben

Subject: FW: Irish Citizenship query Ben Morton

I wish to advise you that a search has been conducted of the Foreign Births Register in Dublin and they have advised the following: -

"We have conducted searches of the FBR register (both pre- and post-Náisiúin) and are able to confirm that:

Name: Ben Morton
DOB: 29th June 1981
Place of Birth: Gosford, NSW, Australia

has not been registered. Accordingly, Ben Morton is not an Irish citizen."

Kind regards

Elizabeth Coyle
Ambassador's Office

7/1/19