



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
47th Parliament**

FAMILY NAME	Vamvakinou		
GIVEN NAMES	Maria		
ELECTORAL DIVISION	Calwell	STATE	Vic

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: _____
[DD MONTH Year]

Date: 17.08.2022

Notes

1. The requirement to make this statement is contained in a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on 4 April 2019.
2. Signed statements should be emailed to Members.Interests.Reps@aph.gov.au.

QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

Candidate's name

Maria Vamvakinou

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)? *

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input type="checkbox"/>	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)	Father
Place of Birth	Greece	Place of Birth	Greece
Date of Birth	06 / 08 / 1931	Date of Birth	15 / 05 / 1930
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	Maternal Grandmother	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	Maternal Grandfather
Place of Birth	Greece	Place of Birth	Greece
Date of Birth	/ / 1914	Date of Birth	/ / 1899
Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	Paternal Grandmother	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	Paternal Grandfather
Place of Birth	Greece	Place of Birth	Greece
Date of Birth	/ / 1899	Date of Birth	/ / 1880

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?*** YES
 NO
 N/A
- (If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' places of birth, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

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)?*** YES
 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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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.*

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

<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Mother</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship Greece</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held _____</p>	<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Father</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship Greece</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held _____</p>
<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Maternal Grandmother</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship Greece</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held _____</p>	<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Maternal Grandfather</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship Greece</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held _____</p>
<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Paternal Grandmother</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship Greece</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held _____</p>	<p>Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father) Paternal Grandfather</p> <p>Country of foreign citizenship Greece</p> <p>Period foreign citizenship held _____</p>

5b. Please provide any other relevant details:

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

[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?*** YES
 NO
 N/A
(If you do not know any of your parents' or grandparents' citizenship, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

- 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?*** YES
 NO
 N/A
(If you do not have a current or former spouse or similar partner, please mark the 'N/A' box.)

- 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.)
- 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)	_____
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?*** YES
 NO
 N/A
- (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.)

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?*** YES
 NO
 UNKNOWN

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

Country of foreign citizenship **Greece**

Manner in which foreign citizenship was lost (if applicable) **Formal renunciation of Greek citizenship**

Date of losing foreign citizenship (if applicable) **21 /08 /2000**

* [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

I submitted a formal renunciation of Greek citizenship which was registered on 21 August 2000 (attached).

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

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*:

[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.

Date

/ /

Effective Labor Representation



Maria Vamvakinou

ALP Candidate for Calwell

Hon. Dimitris Anninos

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Melbourne, VIC, 3004
Australia

Wednesday, 9 August 2000

Dear Mr Anninos,

My name is Maria Vamvakinou and I am the Australian Labor Party endorsed candidate for the federal seat of Calwell. I was born in Lefkada, Greece, on 4th January 1959, and migrated with my family to Australia in 1963. I became an Australian citizen in 1972.

It is my understanding that as a result of being born in Greece I automatically acquire Greek nationality and citizenship rights.

As an Australian citizen seeking public office I am also constitutionally bound to observe the requirements of section 44 of the Australian constitution.

Section 44 of the Australian Constitution clearly stipulates that:

"44. Any person who—

(i.) is under any acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a foreign power, or is a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or citizen of a foreign power shall be incapable of being chosen or of sitting as a senator or a member of the House of Representatives..."

(Section 44, Chapter I, Part IV)

It is my intention to take whatever steps are necessary to comply with Section 44 of the Australian Constitution. I hereby wish to voluntarily and willingly surrender my legal citizenship rights to the Hellenic Republic

I would appreciate your earliest acknowledgment to my correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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Maria Vamvakinou



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Melbourne, 21 August 2000

Ms Maria Vamvakinou, ALP
Candidate for Calwell

I acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 9th August 2000, by which you inform me about your intention to fully comply with Section 44 of the Australian Constitution and therefore surrender your legal citizenship rights to the Hellenic Republic.

The wish expressed in your application will be treated accordingly.

I take this opportunity to wish you every success in the political career you have chosen. I am confident that your election will be an additional source of pride for your father and the large Greek community in Victoria.

Dimitris Anninos
Consul General