



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Registry of Members' Interests

To the Registrar of Members' Interests

**Statement of Member's qualifications relating to  
sections 44 and 45 of the Constitution  
47<sup>th</sup> Parliament**

<b>FAMILY NAME</b>	Leeser		
<b>GIVEN NAMES</b>	Julian Martin		
<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION</b>	Berowra	<b>STATE</b>	NSW

**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: 22/8/22

**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](mailto:Members.Interests.Reps@aph.gov.au).

## QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

Relating to your eligibility under Section 44 of the Australian Constitution

**Candidate's name**

Julian Martin Leeser

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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# QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

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.)

YES  
 NO  
 N/A

2a. If 'yes', please provide the following details, to the extent known:

Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	Paternal Grandmother	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)	
Place of Birth	Budingen, Germany	Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	03 / 10 / 1921	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	/ /
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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# QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

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.)
- YES  
 NO  
 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)? \*
- 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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# 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)	<b>Paternal Grandmother</b>	Relationship to you (e.g. mother or adoptive father)
Country of foreign citizenship	<b>Germany</b>	Country of foreign citizenship
Period foreign citizenship held	<b>Until 1940</b>	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

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 attached.

[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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# QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

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?\*

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

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.

- 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.**

Signature of candidate

Date

11 / 04 / 22

## **Citizenship Statement**

Question 5b page 4

### **Attachment to Statement in Relation to Citizenship – Julian Leeser**

I could not have inherited citizenship of another country from my maternal grandparents or my paternal grandfather.

I conducted legal research and received legal advice from German and Australian lawyers to ensure that I did not inherit German citizenship from my paternal grandmother.

I have not inherited German citizenship from her.

There are at least three independent reasons why I did not. By that I mean each of the reasons, on its own, is a complete answer to why I don't hold German citizenship.

First, under German law in force when my paternal grandparents got married in 1940 in Australia, my paternal grandmother lost her German citizenship when she married my grandfather, a non-German. Under Australian law in force at the time she took my grandfather's citizenship when they got married. Therefore, my grandmother was not a German citizen when my father was born in 1941 and he did not inherit German citizenship from his mother.

Second, even if my grandmother was a German citizen when my father was born in 1941 (which she was not), under German law in force at the time my father would have inherited the citizenship of his father and not his mother.

Therefore, neither my father nor I have ever held the status of German citizenship.

It is interesting to note, that even if the first two points did not exist there is a third reason why I would not have the status of German citizenship. As Jews my grandmother and father would have been stripped of German citizenship rights if they had held them when the Nazi laws came into force. After those Nazi laws were repealed, any descendants who were born overseas would need to apply for German citizenship. It was not automatically conferred on them by the laws brought in to reverse the Nazi laws. Even though for the first two reasons I would never have been eligible to apply for German citizenship, I confirm that I cannot apply and have never applied for it.