



REGISTRY OF  
30 NOV 2017  
10.00 AM  
SENATORS' INTERESTS

To the Registrar of Senators' 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—Senator's details

Surname: Farrell	
Other Names: Donald Edward	State: SA

#### Section 2—Senator's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth: Australia	Citizenship held at birth: Australian
Date of birth: 12 / 04 / 1954 Day            Month            Year	Date of Australian naturalisation: <i>(if not an Australian citizen by birth)</i> / / Day            Month            Year

#### Section 3(a)—Senator's parents' birth details

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	Australia	Australia
Date of birth:	05 / 10 / 1925 Day            Month            Year	18 / 12 / 1922 Day            Month            Year

#### Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the Senate on 13 November 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 file of this form is available on [www.aph.gov.au/senators\\_interests](http://www.aph.gov.au/senators_interests).
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Senators' Interests, SG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

**Section 3(b)—Senator’s grandparents’ birth details**

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Australia	United Kingdom
Date of birth:	04 / 01 / 1892 Day Month Year	29 / 03 / 1892 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Australia	Australia
Date of birth:	19 / 12 / 1889 Day Month Year	26 / 01 / 1888 Day Month Year

**Section 3(c)—Other factors that may be relevant eg: adoption, IVF, or assumption of citizenship through marriage.**

While my wife was born in the Philippines, under the Philippine Constitution, there is no assumption of citizenship through marriage.

**Section 3(d)**—Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not inherited citizenship of another country from a parent or grandparent.

My maternal grandfather was British.

In September 2007 I wrote to the British High Commission and sought to renounce any entitlement to British citizenship I may have.

On 23 October 2007 the British High Commission advised that under British law, grandchildren of British citizens do not have an entitlement to British citizenship by descent and that I did not need to make an application for renunciation.

**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 was renounced or otherwise came to an end.

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** — Proceed to Section 4(c)
- YES** — Provide evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the country prior to the date of nomination:

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

**NB:** Evidence of the steps taken to renounce foreign citizenship prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

**Section 4(c)—Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?**

- NO** — Proceed to Section 5
- YES** — Provide evidence and details of steps taken to renounce citizenship:

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

**NB:** Evidence of the steps taken to renounce foreign citizenship prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

**Section 5—Senator with foreign citizenship at nomination or now**

*Complete this section if you answered YES in section 4(b) or 4(c)*

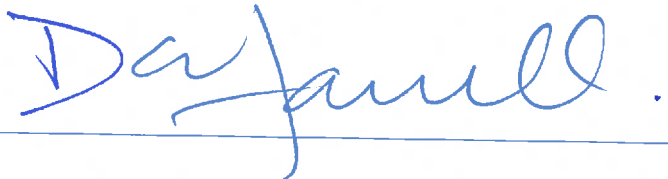
Basis on which the Member contends she or he is not disqualified under s 44(i)	Evidence attached

**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

	30 / 11 / 2017 Day Month Year
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The British High Commission  
Commonwealth Avenue  
Yarralumla ACT 2600  
Att: Consular Section

Dear Sir/Madam

**Declaration of Renunciation of British Citizenship**

Please find enclosed my completed form to declare the renunciation of British citizenship.

I have also included a photocopy of my passport and a copy of my Grandfathers birth certificate.

My grandfather Joseph Heptinstall was born England.

I am intending to nominate for the Australian Senate in the forthcoming Federal elections and have been advised that in order to satisfy compliance with section 44 of the Australian constitution it is prudent to make the attached declaration.

If you require any further information please call me on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Don Farrell

[REDACTED]



British  
High Commission  
Canberra

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Passport Section  
39 Brindabella Circuit  
Canberra Airport, ACT 2609

Telephone: 1902 941 555  
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Our Reference PPT/RS/REN 177

23 October 2007

Mr D Farrell  


Dear Mr Farrell,

I refer to your application to renounce British citizenship. From the information you have provided it does not appear that you would be eligible to hold British citizenship.

British citizenship is normally acquired by birth in the United Kingdom or for anyone born prior to 1 January 1983 by legitimate descent from a father born in the United Kingdom. From 1 January 1983 under the provisions of the British Nationality Act 1981, British born women were entitled to transmit their citizenship to their children born overseas but this was not made retrospective.

Although in certain circumstances British citizenship can be acquired through a British born grandparent this does not apply in your case. For you to acquire citizenship through your grandfather, your mother would have to be born in a place that was considered a British colony under the British Nationality Act. Although Australia formed part of the Crown's Dominions it was not considered a British Colony for nationality purposes. Therefore your mother would be considered a British citizen by descent, not by birth. British citizenship that is acquired by descent cannot be transmitted to a further generation born outside the United Kingdom.

As you are not automatically a British citizen it does not appear that you would need to make an application for renunciation.

Yours Sincerely,

D. Quirk (Mrs)  
Passport Examiner