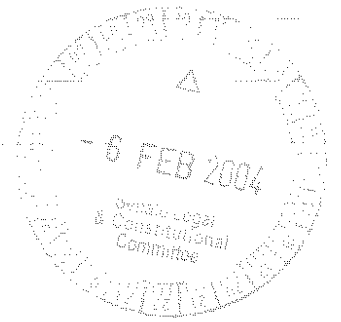


26<sup>th</sup> January 2004



Dear Sir / Madam,

I was born in Preston, Melbourne in Australia on 4/2/1976. My mother is Maltese and my father is an Australian citizen. Date of birth - 16/12/1955 Paul Andrew Glaum. My mother Maria Dolores Glaum migrated to Australia on the 8/3/1973 and married my father on the 30/5/1975.

We left Australia on the 30/7/1990 to live in Malta. Until the age of 19 I was Australian citizen but then I was forced to change my citizenship under Maltese law. The reason why I changed it was as to live in Malta, it is extremely difficult, not been a Maltese citizen. Some reasons for this been I would lose the right to free education, wouldn't be able to apply for loans, and wouldn't be able to apply for government housing (the reason for this is as housing in Malta it's very expensive). Besides all this I honestly felt that I had no say in the matter, the laws been as they were in those times. I was extremely upset of having to do this as I'm been an Australian I lived there till I was 14 years old and I had always dreamed of coming back to live in Australia, one day, as I still feel that I'm still Australian. I felt cheated of this as when Australia had

changed the law at 2002. Thus excepting dual citizenship up to the age of 25 years old. I had already turned 26 years, just missing out, also according to the Australian Citizenship Act, 1948, contains a provision that states of those who have lost their Australian citizenship may resume their lost citizenship as long as they are able to stay in intention to return to Australia to live within (3) three years.

Giving the current financial situation in Malta and also that I'm working as a refrigeration fitter and studying to become a refrigeration Technician. I see this inadequate time I feel I would need more time to save money and reach the level of a good technician.

I still have plenty of relatives in Australia from my father's side and Maltese-Australian from my mother's side living in Victoria, Western-Australia and New-South Wales.

I truly hope that this letter can help the work of your committee in this inquiry as I know that in Malta I'm not the only person whom this had happened to.

Yours faithfully

Jaron Ferrislaun.