

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES

Disqualification from being a Member of Parliament (MP) under Article 45(1)(e) of our Constitution is based on the sentence imposed for a single offence.

2 If a person is charged with multiple offences and the sentence imposed for each of those offences does not reach the disqualification threshold of imprisonment for a term of not less than one year or to a fine of not less than \$10,000, the person is not disqualified from being an MP.

3 The respective sentences for separate offences cannot be added together for this purpose.

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