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*Prime Minister**A.J.C. 1/4**n.a.
A.J.C.**Dear John,*Falkland Islands

The Prime Minister has asked for details of the qualifying period for the electoral registration of a resident of the Falkland Islands.

According to the Legislative Council (Elections) (Amendment) Ordinance 1977, any person who:

- a) is a British subject who has attained the age of 18 years;
and
- b) is not subject to any legal incapacity; and
- c) has continuously resided in the Colony during the qualifying period and is normally resident in the electoral area or the electoral division on the qualifying day;

shall be qualified to be registered as an elector.

According to the Legislative Council (Elections) (Amendment) (No 2) Ordinance 1977, the term "qualifying period" means:

- a) in the case of a person born in the Colony, the preceding 12 months ending on qualifying day (this being 15 July of each year);
- b) in the case of a person not born in the Colony, the preceding three years ending on qualifying day.

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