

## Appendix A

### CODEBOOK

CODE	SUBCODE	Description
<b>0</b>	<b>Rhetoric</b>	No political content
<b>1. MACROECONOMICS</b>	<b>100. General</b>	Situation and future prospects of the economy, general considerations on economic indicators, economic growth, questions to the ministry of finance (including questions on budgets), questions relating to taxes (SRI), conflicts between ministries arising from budgetary issues, questions relating to the national economy in general, questions on the impact of business activity on the economy. Balance of payments at 1806 and exchange rates at 1808
	<b>101. Inflation, prices and interest rates</b>	Inflation: control and reduction, discussions and questions on national inflation compared to other countries, indicators on price developments, consumer price index, changes in food prices, cost of living, interest rates: developments, statistics and comparison with other countries. Discussions on the impact of VAT on price developments, questions on the impact of interest rates (their variations) on the national economy should be coded 100
	<b>103. Unemployment</b>	Indicators on unemployment: evolution of the labour force and employed population, number of Social Security affiliates, evolution, main indicators. Questions on the impact of unemployment on the economy should be coded as 100. Questions on labour policy are coded in code 500.
	<b>104 Monetary policy, Central Bank of Ecuador.</b>	Monetary policy issues. Everything related to dollarization. Relationship between fiscal and monetary policy.
	<b>105. Budget, public expenditure</b>	Development of the General State Budget, public expenditure, public debt: evolution and indicators regarding public expenditure or deficit, debt/GDP ratio; expenditure/GDP ratio, issues related to debt reduction, optimal debt levels. Budget increases that have no other purpose than to increase the initially allocated budget.
	<b>107. Taxation, fiscal policy and tax reform</b>	Tax regulation, tax evasion issues, tax reforms, questions to the Director of the IRS (on these issues). Policies aimed at curbing public spending in general to improve welfare. This includes issues related to taxes on tobacco, alcohol, cars, or taxes on pensions. Issues of taxation of specific social groups should be coded in their sections. For example, specific taxes on fishermen should be coded to 408, taxes on housing to 1411. If there is no specific sub-topic it should be coded here.
	<b>108. Industrial policy</b>	Industrial promotion policy, industrial reconversion, subsidies, aid. Excludes everything related to research and development which is included in code 17. Consumer protection issues go to 1525. Matters relating to property rights and patents go to 1522. In general, regulation of trade and industrial activities should be codified in 15. Foreign trade issues in 18. Industrial competitiveness issues in 1806, export promotion issues in 1803, and international agreements.
	<b>110. Price control and stabilization</b>	Specific economic programs aimed at stabilizing prices. Price freeze, wage control and cost of living. Issues relating to price regulation in specific sectors of activity should be coded in the appropriate subcode: for example energy price regulation see code 8. Prices of medicines should be coded as 335. Pension issues should be coded as 509.
	<b>199. Others</b>	Any of those not included above that are of a non-general nature, e.g. that include legislation in this area.
	<b>200. General</b>	Issues and respect for equal rights in matters of gender, sexual orientation, age etc. Relevant international human rights treaties according to the constitution. Issues to the ministry with competence in these matters on general policy, budgets, etc. It also includes issues on the right to private property. The issue of abortion is codified in 208.
	<b>201. Ethnic minorities and racial discrimination</b>	Generic questions on discrimination against ethnic minorities at work, xenophobia, discriminatory or privileged treatment of ethnic minorities. General questions relating to groups of nationality or non-national origin should be coded as 230. Questions relating to the language of instruction should be coded as 612.
	<b>202. Gender discrimination and equal rights. Discrimination against homosexuals and rights of same-sex couples.</b>	Gender discrimination at work, wage inequality, percentage of women working in specific sectors of activity, active policies aimed at reducing unemployment related to gender discrimination. Discrimination against homosexuals and the right to homosexual marriage (dummy morality politics). Specific questions on these issues asked to the Ministry.
	<b>204. Age discrimination</b>	Age discrimination at work: age limits in recruitment processes, significant differences in pension entitlements. Generic issues on ageing should be coded in 1303. Employment and youth go to 506.
	<b>205. Discrimination relating to persons with illnesses or disabilities</b>	Discrimination against people with disabilities, accessibility problems in cities, means of transport, etc. Includes all types of disabilities. Programmes to help people with disabilities and guide dogs should be coded as 1304. Problems related to housing and people with disabilities should be coded as 1408.
	<b>206. Voting, participation and political representation rights and issues</b>	Voting rights and obligations. Citizen participation as a right. Political parties, legalization and party law. Electronic voting. Popular legislative initiative. Referendum. Questions on party financing and elections are codified in 1202 or 2007.
	<b>207. Freedom of expression, assembly and</b>	All matters relating to freedom of expression, assembly and/or demonstration, including issues such as group mobilizations. Divorce to be included here. Do NOT include abortion or right to

<b>2. RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, PROBLEMS RELATING TO MINORITIES</b>	<b>demonstration.... Equal rights in general.</b>	life, which is coded as 208. Do NOT include issues relating to the right to strike which is coded as 504. Do NOT include issues relating to religious freedom, Catholic church, Islam, etc, which is coded as 212.
	<b>208. Right to life, privacy and data protection</b>	Include here issues such as the right to abortion and euthanasia (dummy morality politics). Right to privacy in general, right to data protection, information collection systems and creation of databases, control of recordings in public space and other privacy issues.
	<b>209. Activities against the State</b>	Subversive activities of all kinds. National citizens working for the secret services of other countries such as the CIA,. Or code here espionage or military intelligence topics that should be included in 1603. Do not include terrorism topics that are included in 1260 and 1261 .
	<b>212. Religious freedom in general, Catholic Church and other religions</b>	Issues related to freedom of religion or worship. Include everything related to the Catholic Church. Everything related to other religions such as Muslim or Jewish. System of financing of the Church. Agreements with other religions such as evangelical, etc. Participation in the educational system should be coded as 602 (if primary and secondary) and as 601 (if university).
	<b>225. Human rights</b>	References to human rights violations without international content (if any, codified in 1925). Include here habeas corpus. Also include charters of fundamental rights.
	<b>230. Immigration, Emigration and Refugees including Integration</b>	Number of immigrants, residence permits. All questions concerning immigrants. Processes of legalization of immigrants, access to health services, education and social services in general. Include specific questions to the authorities with competences in these matters as well as debates on the financing of these programmes. General questions about nationality. Include everything related to the rights and problems of Ecuadorian emigrants (except work, which is coded in 529).
	<b>231. Minority rights</b>	Powers and prerogatives of minority groups, evoking different nationalities or self-interest.
	<b>299. Other</b>	Other issues such as the regulation of fundamental rights such as the right to honour.

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<b>3. HEALTH</b>	<b>300. General</b>	General questions on health policy, general action programmes of the Health System, health expenditure, degree of citizen satisfaction with the health system. Questions to the Minister of Health and competent authorities. Questions or debates on how the impact of air pollution affects 705, the working environment in 501.
	<b>301. General Health System Reforms</b>	Debates, questions, and any other type of activity related to the privatisation or nationalisation of health services in general. Include here discussions related to health regulations. Anything relating to specific changes in coverage should be included in 302.
	<b>302. General issues of SS coverage, insurance and entitlement to treatment.</b>	Discussions, questions, and any other type of activity related to health care coverage. Right to coverage abroad.
	<b>321. Regulation of the pharmaceutical industry and other health care services such as dentists</b>	Authorisation and registration of medicines, clinical trials, adverse effects and drug surveillance programmes, authorisation and registration of generic medicines. Issues relating to dentists or any other specialist with special regulation. Issues relating to pharmaceutical expenditure are included in 335. Do not include here the regulation of generic drugs, nor selective financing, nor reference prices. Issues of property rights and patents are included in 1527.
	<b>322. Sanitary facilities, hospitals and ambulances</b>	Any issues related to hospitals: buildings, internal organization, hygiene systems, differences in efficiency between public and private hospitals, lack of beds, capacity. Include ambulances. Waiting lists go to 327.
	<b>323. Waiting lists. Agreements between SS and private companies</b>	Waiting lists in hospitals, operations, outpatient interventions and problems related to waiting lists. Include here waiting lists for assisted reproduction treatments (dummy morality politics). Collaboration agreements between public and private entities Collaboration in hospital matters in 322 and those relating to medicines in 321. Any issue relating to medical negligence including errors in prescribing or surgery, compensation to patients.
	<b>325. Human resources, education and training</b>	Any issues relating to human resources, negotiation regarding specialists, continuing education programmes, Hippocratic Oath, privacy of doctor - patient information. Includes discussions about working conditions of physicians and health care personnel and pensions. Data privacy in general in 208.
	<b>331. Disease prevention, treatment and health promotion</b>	Vaccinations and vaccination campaigns, campaigns for the prevention of diseases such as AIDS. Campaigns for healthy eating sexually transmitted diseases. Nutrition and health issues to be included here. Specific diseases such as Alzheimer's, brain diseases or any other diseases that are distinguished by having a specific treatment. Exclude hospitals, neglect, waiting lists, minors or mental illness. Food access goes to 1301, underage related to 332, traffic accidents in 1002, alcohol in 342, tobacco in 341 and drugs in 343.
	<b>332. Minors</b>	Issues relating to child health, vaccination campaigns, nutrition and child health. All except mental illness, which is in 333. Violence against children in 1207. Child abandonment at 1308. Abortion at 208.
	<b>333. Mental Illness</b>	Issues specific to these types of illnesses that do NOT deal with hospitals or medications, or their inclusion or non-inclusion in the Health System. Children's mental illnesses should be included here.
	<b>334. Long-term treatment, rehabilitation services, terminal illness and problems related to ageing</b>	Treatment for people suffering from terminal illnesses, home care of all kinds, cost and price of treatment. Issues relating to the inclusion or not of this type of treatment in the Health System should be included in 301.
	<b>335. Pharmaceutical expenditure, public consumption and prices of medicines</b>	Everything related to consumption and expenditure on medicines, agreements between the State and the pharmaceutical industry, selective financing of medicines, regulation of generic medicines and reference prices, regulation of prices, price differences with other countries, evolution of consumption, statistics on expenditure.
	<b>336. Coverage for assisted reproduction treatments, dentists, etc. Accessories</b>	Discussions relating to the coverage of assisted reproduction treatments (dummy morality politics). Coverage of other specific treatments such as dentists. Coverage of accessories such as wheelchairs, prostheses, hearing aids and others. Disability issues in 1304 and those relating to

	such as glasses, wheelchairs, etc.	the elderly in 1303.
	<b>341. Tobacco</b>	Any question related to the effects of tobacco on health. Prevention campaigns
	<b>342. Alcohol</b>	Any question related to the harmful effects of alcohol on health. Prevention campaigns
	<b>343. Illegal drug control</b>	Any issue related to the health effects of illegal drugs. Prevention campaigns
	<b>344. Generic issues on the abuse of illicit drugs, tobacco and alcohol</b>	Introduce here effects or prevention campaigns that include several elements and that cannot be coded exclusively in 341, 342 or 343.
	<b>398. Health research and development</b>	Issues related to medical research. Assisted reproduction techniques and manipulation of stem cells (dummy morality politics).
	<b>399. Other</b>	Any issue of a specific nature not included in the above, such as organ donation..

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<b>4. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING INDUSTRY</b>	400. General Agriculture	Questions relating to employment in agriculture, economic conditions, the government's agricultural policy, general regulation on agriculture, questions to the Ministry of Agriculture, budgets. Questions on fisheries and fishing industry to 408.
	401. Agricultural exports and imports	Export and import issues, indicators, ratios to GDP and other economic indicators. Inspection and import controls of agricultural and livestock products. General questions on export and import of products to 1803 and 1807 respectively. Export and import of fishery products to 408.
	402. Subsidies and regulation in agriculture	Subsidies and support for crop and livestock production including specific support for drought, floods, land ownership and inheritance legislation. Includes agricultural insurance. Excludes any subsidies to promote products that will 404
	403. Food inspection and food safety	Include authorizations, controls relating to food safety, additives, toxins, hormones, storage, only on products already in the country (excluding imports that are coded in 401).
	404. Agricultural promotion and marketing	Promotion and marketing Promotion of agricultural products and export aid to companies in the food sector . Research on agricultural products goes to 498.Promotion of agricultural products and export aid for companies in the food sector . Research on agricultural products goes to 498.
	405. Animal diseases, crop diseases and controls	Issues related to any type of animal and crop disease (avian influenza, swine influenza, mad cow, etc.). Subsidies arising from animal diseases should be coded as 402. Adulteration of food products other than animals or crops (e.g. rapeseed oil or eggs infected with salmonella) should be coded as 403.
	406. Animal health and welfare conditions for farm animals	Everything concerning the living conditions of animals on the farm, slaughterhouses. Questions on the protection of animal and plant life goes to 709.
	407. Environmental problems related to agriculture	Fertilizers: type, characteristics and environmental pollution, pollutants produced by animals (excrement): recycling, collection, disposal methods. Everything except pesticides goes to 704. General questions relating to the environment are coded in 7.
	408. Fisheries and hunting policy	Any issue related to fishing, regulation, fishing zones, negotiations with third countries, conflicts concerning aid, fishing limits or quotas, protected fish, type of fishing allowed. Include export and import of fishery products, subsidies and fish farm issues. Include hunting issues here.
	498. Research and development in agriculture and livestock	Any question on research or development of agricultural, livestock or fishing techniques. It incorporates, for example, the genetic manipulation of food.
	499. Other	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature.

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	<b>500. General.</b>	Government programmes on employment, labour market policy, regulations for foreign companies doing business in Ecuador, budget, administration and priorities of the Ministry of Labour. Labour market measures. Evolution and number of social security affiliates. Everything related to employment and discrimination including in 202.
	<b>501. Working environment and conditions, occupational accidents and compensation systems.</b>	Issues related to working conditions, mobbing or any other problem related to working conditions and relations between workers, special working conditions by sector, compensation. Chemical substances in the workplace and harm arising from the working environment, discussions on what is considered as harm caused by work. Working conditions relating to defence personnel should be coded as 1608.
	<b>502. Active labour, training and workforce development policy</b>	Continuous training of workers (unemployed and active), studies and analysis of the worker's training capacity and needs. Includes agreements with industry for the creation of jobs, programmes for the training of the unemployed, wage level during the training period of trainees, resources managed for training centres. General issues relating to trade unions and unemployment benefit management should be coded as 504, issues relating to benefit recipients should be coded as 1302 and vocational training should be coded as 604..
	<b>503. Pensions and early retirement. Other employee-derived benefits</b>	Issues relating to retirement and early retirement pensions. Issues relating to compensation or benefits derived from work, e.g. leasing schemes in private companies. Issues relating to pensions for civil servants go to 2004. Unemployment and sickness benefits should be coded as 507. Health insurance for workers to 302.
	<b>504. General questions on trade unions</b>	Any issues relating to Trade Unions, organisation, financing, right to strike, boycotting companies. Collective bargaining rules, regulation and practices in a general sense: bargaining patterns, participation in formal institutions. Issues relating to relations between trade unions and political parties on electoral issues should be coded as 2012. Category 504 includes administration and management of unemployment benefits. Issues on unemployment benefits legislation should be coded as 507.
	<b>505. General issues in employment policy and collective bargaining</b>	Employment policy, job creation. Negotiation with trade unions and employers on employment policies, issues such as minimum wage or number of hours worked. Including employer issues and relations. All about collective bargaining agreements.
	<b>506. Employment and youth</b>	Specific discussions and analysis on minimum age for entry into the labour market, employment aids for young people. Issues on children and working conditions should be coded as 501.

<b>5. WORK</b>	<b>510. Social Security. General issues</b>	General questions on Social Insurance that cannot be coded in the rest of the subcodes. For example, number of Social Insurance affiliates goes to 103.
	<b>511. Unemployment and employment issues in specific industries</b>	Issues related to outplacement of employment in declining industrial sectors such as mining, or problems related to lack of specialists or flight of specialists to other countries where they can get better economic benefits. Issues related to health problems of health professionals should be coded as 325, lack of jobs in the armed forces as 1608, employment in agriculture as 400. General questions about unemployment as 103 and questions about training of workers and activities offered to the unemployed in 502.
	<b>520. Social Security Fraud</b>	Issues relating to fraud and abuse of subsidies managed by social security such as pensions, unemployment, temporary or permanent disability.
	<b>529. Labour and immigration</b>	Include all specific issues relating to labour and immigration: work permits, working conditions, sector-specific regulations on immigration. Recruitment at origin. Include questions on Ecuadorian migrants.
	<b>599. Other</b>	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature.

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<b>6. EDUCATION AND CULTURE</b>	<b>600. General</b>	General educational policy issues, discussion of educational standards in relation to other countries. Budgets, administration and management of the 6. EDUCATION AND CULTURE Ministry of Education or competent authority. General cultural issues should be coded as 609.
	<b>601. University education</b>	Debates on university policy, quality of teaching, living conditions of university students, implementation of new degrees, university admission criteria, university autonomy, organisation, structure and functioning of universities, definition of criteria of excellence in university functioning. It includes scholarships and grants. Issues on health care education should be coded as 325, military school training as 601, police training as 1201. Research questions as 1798
	<b>602. Primary and secondary education</b>	Debates and issues on primary and secondary education (baccalaureate). Development of basic legislation. Includes scholarships and grants
	<b>603. Special education for students with social, economic, etc. difficulties.</b>	Any question on supplementary training aimed at students with some kind of problem arising from their economic status or social background. Issues related to the educational needs of students with disabilities should be coded as 606, adult education as 502..
	<b>604. Vocational training</b>	Issues related to the development of vocational training programmes. Admission requirements, characteristics of studies, training agreements, quality standards related to these programmes. Continuing training programmes for workers should be coded as 502 .
	<b>606. Special education for students with some type of handicap.</b>	Any questions about further training for students with any kind of problem due to their physical or psychological condition Questions related to students with social or economic difficulties should be coded as 603
	<b>607. Libraries and improvement actions in education</b>	Issues related to library operating costs, number of libraries, book acquisition policy, book lending, user fees. It also includes actions to improve education such as the introduction of information technology in the education system. Issues about library research should be coded as 1798 and copyright issues to 1622.
	<b>609. Cultural policy</b>	Issues related to government cultural policy, expenditure on culture, payment of employees in cultural fields, government/public decisions or actions related to theatres, cinemas, support for culture, culture-specific awards (film and literary awards), etc. For cultural events (cinema, theatre, literature, etc.) that do not have political content see 23. Awards and prizes of a general nature (not specific to culture, should be coded as 2006. Awards related to sport should be coded as 610. Animal rights issues should be coded as 709. Educational programmes of schools of film, architecture, etc. administered by the Ministry of Culture should be coded as 601. Issues related to sports policy as 610. Issues about media as 1707. Issues relating to historic buildings, museums and other cultural heritage as 612. Nature parks and protected areas as 2101.
	<b>610. Sports</b>	Matters relating to government sports policy, including policies for the promotion of sport, matters relating to sports clubs and the Ecuadorian national team. Matters relating to broadcasting rights of matches should be coded as 1707.
	<b>612. Cultural heritage</b>	Any issue related to Ecuador's cultural heritage. Includes world heritage, historic buildings, maintenance and management of national museums. It also includes language (Spanish and indigenous for the case of the Ecuadorian State). Issues related to natural parks and protected areas should go to 2101.
	<b>698. Research in education</b>	Questions relating to an institution dedicated exclusively to teacher training and research for the improvement of education.
	<b>699. Other</b>	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature.

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	<b>700. General</b>	General environmental issues, statistics, studies, taxes, fees, etc. Budget, administration, management and priorities of Ministry of Environment or competent authority. Environmental issues related to agriculture should be coded as 407, excluding pesticide regulation as 704. Military-related environmental issues to 1614 and international environmental agreements to 1902.
	<b>701. Water Quality</b>	Water quality inspections and monitoring. Drinking water contamination, pesticides or other chemicals in the ground. Marine environment issues go to 710. Issues related to water infrastructure and access to water (including related conflicts) should be coded as 2104..
	<b>703. Waste and garbage disposal</b>	Discussions and issues relating to waste disposal, landfills, dumps, depots. Issues related to particularly hazardous materials should be coded 704.
	<b>704. Problems relating to polluting substances, fluids and wastes</b>	Debates around toxic, chemical or nuclear spills.
	<b>705. Air Pollution, Noise and Global Warming</b>	Debates, questions about pollution in the national territory and actions to avoid, reduce noise pollution, air pollution and global warming. Sustainable mobility. Issues related to international environmental agreements as of 1902.

<b>7. ENVIRONMENT</b>	<b>707. Recycling</b>	Issues around product recycling.
	<b>708. Environmental threats from the indoor environment</b>	Issues related to threats to the population emanating from the natural environment itself, e.g. from the presence of asbestos, radon gas, etc. Do not include here issues related to detrimental effects from human activity.
	<b>709. Protection of animal and plant life</b>	Any issue related to the protection of animal and plant life, animal rights, animal experiments, conservation of natural parks, endangered animals and plants, living conditions of animals in zoos, kennels, etc. Include fires whenever they affect/destroy forests or other natural areas. Also include issues related to bullfighting except when it is exclusively discussed as a national holiday. Living conditions of farm animals should go to 406, animal diseases as 405.
	<b>710. Marine environment, oil pollution, coastal areas and shoreline protection</b>	Marine environment conditions, oil pollution, coastal areas and conservation policy. Includes catastrophes.
	<b>711. Non-marine environment and land pollution</b>	Non-marine environmental conditions, erosion and land contamination.
	<b>712. Territorial planning</b>	Issues concerning the impact of urban development on the territory. Include discussions on installation and development of new energies linked to environmental conservation (e.g. wind energy installations). Issues relating to urban planning and housing policy that do not refer to environmental impact should be coded in 14.
	<b>798. Environmental research and development</b>	Environmental research carried out by a specific body, dedicated solely to the environment
	<b>799. Other</b>	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature.

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<b>8. ENERGY</b>	<b>800. General</b>	General lines of energy policy (objectives, priorities and evolution), energy budget of the Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy or any other competent authority. Supply problems, project promotion, long-term energy needs. Energy supply and conservation. See also 2104 for energy development and water access projects.
	<b>802. Electricity and Hydroelectricity</b>	Construction of power plants, licenses for construction of power plants and hydroelectric power plants, development of hydroelectric power. Regulation of electricity generation with natural gas (plants), impact of inflation and prices on the development of the electricity industry. Electricity tariffs. Foreign investment issues 1802
	<b>803. Oil</b>	Oil regulation. Safety in infrastructures (gas pipelines). Exploration and commercialization in national territory. Regulation of transport and distribution, tariffs and demand for oil and its derivatives (including diesel and gasoline). Oil prices. World production and consumption. Strategic petroleum reserves. See also 2103 for mineral resources; 710 for petroleum residues; and 1510 for antitrust issues in oil and gas distribution. Foreign investment issues to 1802
	<b>805. Mines and coal</b>	Use of coal in electricity generation (hard coal and anthracite), industry restructuring programmes. Evolution in demand.
	<b>806. Alternative and renewable energies</b>	Renewable energy programmes, promotion of solar and geothermal energy, promotion of alternative fuels for automobiles, wind energy. Thermal energy programmes: low-temperature solar thermal, biomass, biogas, biofuels, energy recovery from solid urban waste.
	<b>807. Conservation of energy</b>	Government efficiency in the use of energy, energy efficiency programmes in homes. Energy saving and conservation in Ecuador. Saving and conservation standards. Efficiency of automobile engines in the use of fuels.
	<b>898. Research and development:</b>	Energy research and development policy. Technology research and national renewable energy research and development plans.
	<b>899. Other</b>	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature.

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<b>9. DEVELOPMENT MODEL</b>	<b>900. Development</b>	Everything related to a developmentalist point of view.
	<b>901. Good living</b>	Development model according to the Constitution of the Republic.

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	<b>1000. General</b>	Combination of multiple sub-topics, questions to the Minister of Transport, public administration in general, etc. State transport policy, general lines, objectives, evolution and forecasts. Rural and urban transport needs.
	<b>1001. Public transport and safety</b>	Discussions around transit issues related to public transport and public transport safety including bus and taxis, subways. Everything except airplanes and trains. Issues specific to automobiles should be coded as 1006. However, traffic issues related to private automobiles are coded as 1002.
	<b>1002. Road construction, maintenance and road safety</b>	Mechanisms to ensure road safety, speed restrictions. Points cards and breathalysers. Specific rules on the circulation of lorries. Road system, connections, adequacy of the road system to the needs of citizens, the volume of cars. Statistics on traffic accidents. Expropriations for the construction of transport routes and service infrastructures for roads should be coded as 1010.
	<b>1003. Airports, air traffic and safety</b>	Airports. Safety standards, tax and duty free zones, the national airline system including internal reorganizations, privatization and alliances. Airport management system. Airport construction and expropriations are coded as 1010.
	<b>1005. Rail transport and safety</b>	Rail transport
	<b>1006. Automobiles: traffic and regulation</b>	All matters relating to automobile traffic and safety. Regulation of the automobile, bus and other motor vehicle industry. System of driving licenses for different motor vehicles, weight and size limit of vehicles driving on highways and state highways. Development of safety technologies in the automotive industry (airbags, seat belts) Road safety measures are coded as 1002, including measures to prevent the use of alcohol and drugs among drivers.
	<b>1007. Maritime Affairs</b>	Merchant Navy, safety regulations for navigation (private, commercial and Navy vessels). Naval

<b>10. TRANSPORT</b>	<b>and Shipbuilding</b>	policies on the transport of military equipment in vessels. Quality and standardization of ships. Naval industry, shipbuilding, privatizations.
	<b>1010. Public works and transport services</b>	Financing systems for public works such as bridges and roads. Plans, programs and construction of infrastructure of all types of transport, infrastructure services on roads or ports. All public works except those related to water, which go to 2104. Issues not specifically related to financing but to road maintenance and construction are coded 1002, airport expansion as 1003 and rail transport issues as 1004.
	<b>1098. Transport research and development</b>	Research related to road safety, transport research to help reduce vehicle loads. Research on noise reduction in transportation. On technological advances in automobile safety see 1006.
	<b>1099. Other</b>	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature.

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<b>12. DOMESTIC POLICY AND JUSTICE</b>	<b>1200. General issues</b>	Combination of multiple sub-topics. Administration of justice, justice system reforms, questions to the Ministry of Justice or the Ministry of the Interior. General state of the national justice system.
	<b>1201. Police and crimefighting authorities</b>	National police, customs... Cooperation relations between national and local police. Includes working conditions and pensions of police officers.
	<b>1202. Financial crime and organized crime</b>	Mafias, crime syndicates, tax evasion. Everything except drug trafficking. See 1520 for unfair competition and other antitrust and trade monopolies. Corporate tax fraud at 1212.
	<b>1203. Crimes related to drug trafficking and drug use</b>	Narcotraficking and drug use, any subject related to drug trafficking in general. Legal consumption of narcotics should be coded as 343.
	<b>1204. Judicial system.</b>	Issues relating to the organization of the judicial system, processes, computerization, waiting times, effectiveness and efficiency of the judicial system. Judges, training, capacity
	<b>1205. Prison system</b>	Prison system and security, capacity, adequacy to needs, changes in the prison system.
	<b>1206. Juvenile crime and incivility activities</b>	Juvenile crime and youth gangs. Criminal activities involving minors. Exclude juvenile drug gangs which are coded as 1203. If a juvenile commits a crime in a domestic setting, code 1208.
	<b>1207. Child abuse and child pornography</b>	Violence against children, missing children, abductions, paedophiles and child pornography. Domestic violence against children should be coded as 1208.
	<b>1208. Domestic Violence</b>	Issues related to domestic violence and all types of abuse in the family: battered women, violence against minors, incest. Include cases of female genital mutilation. See 1207 for violence and child abuse outside the home. Divorce or parental rights issues in 1308. Benefits and assistance for families with children in 1308.
	<b>1209. Arms control, private security forces and civil protection</b>	Issues related to civil protection, ECU 911. Include fires and fires whenever they occur in a non-natural environment (in this case, code in 709) or discussions on firefighters, protocols for action, actions of firefighting teams. Weapons control, laws and regulations on the use of weapons, number of licenses in Ecuador. Debates and regulation of private security companies
	<b>1210. Comprehensive Criminal Code and Civil Actions</b>	Penal Code, revision of penalties (stricter for certain offences). Issues relating to abused animals should be codified as 709. General issues on the judicial system as 1204. Parole as 1205. ETA as 1261.
	<b>1211. Crime Prevention</b>	Evolution of criminality. Generic crime issues. Preventive campaigns of all kinds, e.g. against domestic violence. Campaigns on human and organ trafficking. Also include all issues that relate prostitution and citizen insecurity or crime (white slave trade, pimping...) Campaigns on drug consumption and its relation to health are excluded (see codes 341, 342, 343).
	<b>1212. Tax Fraud</b>	Issues relating to tax fraud.
	<b>1230. Social upheavals</b>	Social revolts and other phenomena of collective violence at the local, regional or state level, but always in an internal key. Inter-state conflicts should be coded as 1619. We codify here any news in which social violence is news, independently of the topic it deals with and the collective that is the protagonist.
	<b>1260. Terrorism and armed gangs</b>	Terrorist policy and victims of terrorism. Armed gangs with activities on national territory. Includes gangs and international gangs. Include street violence here.
	<b>1297. Common crime</b>	Murder (even if not the ultimate purpose of the action), robbery and all types of crime that are not of a collective or organized nature Do not include organized crime or mafias, which should be coded as 1202. Do not include terrorism, which should be coded as 1260. Include rape outside the domestic sphere, except when presented in connection with crime prevention 1211.
	<b>1299. Other</b>	Any other justice and crime issues not included in the general topic or in the remaining subtopics. Code here everything related to extradition issues when it cannot be coded in any other subtopic of 12.

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	<b>1300. General</b>	Questions to the responsible Minister, social policy outlines, budgets, goals and objectives. Reform proposals, effectiveness of welfare, social security and social inclusion programmes. Include all comments where there is a health policy, education policy, or any combination of social policy. Combinations of all other sub-topics. Exclude health (code 3) and education (code 6).
	<b>1301. Access to food</b>	Assistance to families to meet food needs. Child health and nutrition topics should be coded as 332. Nutrition-related diseases such as obesity should be coded as 331..
	<b>1302. Policy to combat poverty and social exclusion</b>	Any specific measures aimed at reducing poverty. This includes specific support for children and families in poverty to access social services. Orphanage, child support. Do not include issues such as minimum wage which goes to subcode 505. See 1304 for early retirement programmes, occupational disability pensions and rehabilitation as 1304.
	<b>1303. Policies for the elderly</b>	Regulation on non-occupational pension plans and schemes, such as widow's pensions and other specific pension programmes. Health care and domestic help for the elderly at home. Discounts on public services. See 509 for occupational pensions. See 1408 for nursing home construction. 334 for questions about medical treatment in nursing homes and health issues related to health in old age. See 204 for age discrimination and 1301 for access to food.

<b>13. SOCIAL POLICY</b>	<b>1304. Assistance to disabled and handicapped persons</b>	Social security benefits for the disabled and handicapped, early retirement plans according to disability health criteria. Rehabilitation programs and benefits. Transportation to and from the hospital. See 1408 for homes for the disabled. See 336 for aids for the disabled such as wheelchairs and deafening devices. Code here for guide dogs.
	<b>1305. Voluntary associations and foundations</b>	Red Cross and other voluntary NGOs in the field of social services and assistance to groups at risk of social exclusion in Ecuador. Regulation of foundations - For international NGOs see code 1928.
	<b>1308. Family life and work. Child care</b>	Policies to facilitate the reconciliation of family life, maternity and paternity leave. Care and living conditions of minors, divorce and child custody proceedings, adoptions. On child abuse see 1207. Violence in the family environment should be codified in 1208.
	<b>1399. Other</b>	Any of those not included in the above that are of a non-general nature. Social policies for young people that cannot be coded in any other subtopic. Do NOT include topics related to employment and youth which are coded as 506. Code here everything related to demographic data and population evolutions in general (do NOT code here for example: ageing which goes to 1303 or birth rate which is coded in 1308) If there is no political content mark the dummy!

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<b>14. URBAN PLANNING AND HOUSING POLICY</b>	<b>1400. General</b>	Combination of multiple subtopics. Examples: questions to the responsible Ministry on housing policy, housing policy outlines and urban planning; questions on housing and urban development budget, housing and urban development policy goals, administration and operation of housing programmes, housing safety standards.
	<b>1401. Housing policy in cities</b>	Programmes for urban redevelopment, preservation and development of residential areas, credits and subsidies for urban and housing renovation (reform).
	<b>1403. Urban economic development and general problems in cities</b>	Financial situation of cities. Unemployment in urban areas. Economic development needs of urban areas, state policy on development of cities, effects of budget cuts on cities.
	<b>1404. Rural housing policy</b>	Housing credits for rural areas, including mortgages. Special programs for housing in rural areas (remodeling and construction of new housing).
	<b>1405. Rural economic development and general rural problems</b>	Infrastructure development in rural areas (water, electricity, communications). Investments in rural areas, economic and social problems of rural areas. Issues related to agricultural unemployment are coded as 400.
	<b>1406. Social housing</b>	State housing assistance programs. Any questions about social housing, including questions about the development of the sector and the amount of public spending allocated; conditions and benefits of social housing assistance.
	<b>1408. Residences and housing for the elderly and disabled.</b>	Questions about official residences for the elderly. Housing for the disabled and the elderly. Improvements in housing to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. Medical treatment in official homes for the elderly should be coded as 1303 or 304. Aid for the handicapped as 1304. Discrimination based on age or disability as 204 and 205 respectively.
	<b>1409. Homeless, destitute people</b>	Questions about the percentage of homeless people in Ecuador. Rules of access to help centres. Causes and evolution (number) of homelessness
	<b>1411. Real estate market and urban speculation</b>	Any questions about house prices, property taxes and land registry.
	<b>1499. Other</b>	Questions on housing and urban development policies not included in the above categories, such as the situation and conditions of rental housing. Include squatters here.

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<b>15. INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND TRADE</b>	<b>1500. General</b>	Includes the combination of multiple subtopics. Questions on the future and prospects of industrial and trade policy to the Executive or to the Ministry of Industry, Tourism. Agencies attached to the ministry
	<b>1501. Banking Policy</b>	Any questions about banks and their relations with the Central Bank, including questions about banking supervision, control and regulation. Questions relating to savings banks are included. Questions about the Central Bank should be coded as 104. Questions about foreign investment by banks are coded as 1804..
	<b>1502. Stock market</b>	Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (CNMV), regulation of the stock market and the pension fund market, growth of the money market, evolution of the stock market. Only national market, international markets are to be codified in 1807.
	<b>1504. Mortgages, credit cards and other bank credit schemes</b>	Regulation of mortgage loans, consumer information on credit card interest rates, credit card fraud and abuse, interest rates for mortgage loans. Restructuring of bank and mortgage debt. Bankrupt debtors. Issues on the regulation of banks are coded as 1501 . Official aid for access to housing is coded as 1406. For protection of private data see 208 . Issues relating to the impact of mortgages on the housing market are coded as 1411.
	<b>1505. Insurance</b>	Regulation of the insurance industry, compulsory insurance and indemnities. Rules on deductions for taking out insurance. 1507. Suspension of payments, bankruptcy and insolvency Bankruptcy and liquidation of assets of ind
	<b>1507. Suspension of payments, bankruptcy and insolvency</b>	Bankruptcy and liquidation of assets of individuals and companies. Declarations of insolvency. Matters relating to late payment. Questions concerning bankruptcy of banking entities are codified as 1501.
	<b>1520. Antitrust Legislation</b>	Unfair trade practices (dumping) and monopolies issues, competition law in markets. Energy market deregulation should be codified as 802 and telecommunications deregulation as 1706.
	<b>1521. Problems relating to small and medium-sized enterprises and small businesses</b>	Economic conditions of small enterprises, export promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Problems of access to credit for SMEs. Taxation of SMEs at 107.
	<b>1522. Property rights and patents</b>	Issues of patent regulation and copyright infringement. Trademarks here. Issues relating to drug patents and property rights. Issues relating to generic drugs and patents. Issues relating to international patent agreements. Copyright in the publishing industry, rights in the audiovisual

		industry and patents on other technologies related to art and culture.
	<b>1523. Aid provided in the event of natural disasters, fires and accidents</b>	Any question about aid, compensation or economic reparations to companies and businesses due to natural disasters and fires. Include here compensation to individuals for floods, earthquakes, etc. Issues related to civil protection should be coded in 1209.
	<b>1524. Tourism</b>	Issues on the development of tourism. General rules and regulations on entry of foreign tourists. Any question about immigrants should be coded as 230. Questions about foreign investment in the Ecuadorian tourism industry are coded as 1804.
	<b>1525. Consumer Protection Policy</b>	Any consumer issues, regulation of consumer rights and consumer protection. Regulation on telephone sales (marketing) and door-to-door sales.
	<b>1526 Lotteries and betting</b>	Regulation of the State Lottery and Gambling, legislation on betting and prizes.
	<b>1529 Professional bodies and business organisations</b>	Professional associations in any sector and business groups such as chambers of commerce, cooperatives or mutual societies. Include here any generic regulation on interest groups.
	<b>1599. Other</b>	Any questions about commercial or industrial policy not mentioned in the list. Regulation of the activities of professional groups. Corporate social responsibility. Self-employment. Arbitration

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<b>16. DEFENCE POLICY</b>	<b>1600. General</b>	Includes the combination of multiple subtopics. General lines of defence policy, such as forecasts and objectives. Evolution of military spending. Military spending; as well as questions to the Ministry of Defence, including budget, priorities, administration and tax exemption.
	<b>1602. Alliances in Security and Defence Policy (UNASUR)</b>	Security policy priorities, relations with UNASUR. Issues related to the legitimacy of UNASUR's actions. Questions about other alliances.
	<b>1603. Military intelligence and espionage</b>	Issues related to Intelligence Services. Regulation of intelligence services. Questions about the CIA.
	<b>1604. Capacity of the armed forces</b>	Evolution in the number and resources of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force). Available armament and technological capacity. Professionalization of the Armed Forces.
	<b>1605. Controls on arms proliferation</b>	International nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation agreements
	<b>1606. Military aid</b>	Military assistance to other countries.
	<b>1608. Human resources of the armed forces</b>	Working conditions of military personnel, including questions on the health of service personnel, fatal accidents in the Army, medical examinations of military personnel sent to international missions. It includes everything related to military service. Reform of the military service. Conscientious objection and substitute social benefits.
	<b>1610. Acquisition of arms and purchase of military equipment</b>	Questions on the purchase of aircraft, prices for the acquisition of new armaments, evaluation of new acquisitions.
	<b>1611. Military installations, property and buildings</b>	Issues of operational costs related to military installations, closure of barracks including amounts related to savings achieved, sale of closed barracks.
	<b>1614. Environmental problems caused by military actions</b>	Environmental consequences of military training and wars.
	<b>1615. Armed forces and civil protection</b>	Questions on how the protection services can assist or support military tasks. Collaboration and cooperation tasks between civil protection services and military services. Collaboration and intervention of the armed forces in fires and natural disasters. For civil protection cases in which the military is not involved, see code 1209.
	<b>1617. Military contracts</b>	Military Contracting, including questions about compliance with the Hiring and Outsourcing of Individuals regulation
	<b>1619. Direct participation in war conflicts.</b>	General issues of military involvement.
	<b>1620. Wartime human rights violations and allegations against the armed forces</b>	Claims against the Ecuadorian Armed Forces, for example, from soldiers wounded on missions or relatives of soldiers killed in service.

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	<b>1700. General</b>	It includes the combination of multiple sub-topics. General lines (priorities, objectives and forecasts) of research and development policy. Questions on SENECYT or other competent bodies. Budget management, priorities, knowledge and information society in general.
	<b>1704. Satellites and other aerospace instruments in commercial use</b>	Questions about the commercial use of space, including future satellite launches.
	<b>1705. Scientific technology transfer and international cooperation I</b>	Issues of cooperation between universities and the industrial and commercial sector. Cooperation between national and foreign scientists
	<b>1706. Telecommunications and telephone services.</b>	Questions about the services of telecommunications companies. Regulation of telephone company services. Issues in the development of mobile telephony and its impact on health. INTERNET: development and regulation. CNT. Disputes between consumers and telephone companies are coded as 1525.
	<b>1707. Media and communication</b>	Any question on television, radio, newspapers, including the definition of public radio and television services, regulation of private television, rules on television advertising and regulation of newspapers. Audiovisual copyright issues are codified as 1528..



<b>17. RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>1708. Weather forecasting and geological problems</b>	Research on climate changes and geological circumstances. Modernization of meteorological services and weather forecasting technologies. The consequences of greenhouse gases, ozone layer damage and climate change are coded as 705.
	<b>1709 . IT industry and IT security</b>	Questions about the development of broadband (ADSL) in Ecuador. Information on specific technological projects, electronic crime (piracy or hacking).
	<b>1798. SENEYCYT Projects</b>	Secretariat issues, publication of positive and negative results of research projects in public institutions and universities. Specific aid programmes for research projects in public institutions and universities
	<b>1799. Other</b>	Any technology, communications and research issues not mentioned in the listed categories.

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<b>18. FOREIGN TRADE</b>	<b>1800. General</b>	Includes the combination of multiple subtopics. General lines of foreign trade policy (priorities, objectives and forecasts), as well as general questions on foreign trade policy. Issues on the promotion of Ecuadorian exports are coded as 1803
	<b>1802. Free Trade Agreements, Conflicts and Regulation</b>	Issues related to free trade agreements. Bilateral trade agreements with other countries. Include international arbitration here. Trade deficit issues with other countries are coded as 1806..
	<b>1803. Export promotion and regulation</b>	Issues on government promotion policies such as export tax incentives, export regulation: including high-tech export restrictions. Import regulation as 1807 and balance of payments as 1806.
	<b>1804. Foreign investment. Investments in Ecuador</b>	Questions about the amount of foreign investment received. Questions about specific countries that invest in national territory.
	<b>1806. Competitiveness and balance of payments</b>	Questions on balance of payments differences with other countries. For example, differences in trade deficit between other countries, balance of payments developments and reports on indicators of the competitiveness of the national economy. The state budget is coded as 105 while questions on the state of the economy as 100
	<b>1807. Imports and import regulation.</b>	Questions on the evolution of Ecuadorian imports, regulation of imports, import restrictions on specific products, including tariffs.
	<b>1899. Other</b>	Foreign trade questions not included in the above categories.

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	<b>1900. General</b>	Issues concerning the foreign policy of the government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility, including budgetary matters, administration, priorities and level of taxes and duties within the Ministry's area of responsibility. Human rights issues such as 1925. Issues related to the general lines of cooperation and development policy go to 1901.
	<b>1901. Development aid and international cooperation</b>	Questions about the general lines of the government's cooperation and development policy.
	<b>1902. International environmental agreements</b>	Any international environmental agreements such as the Kyoto protocol, including the possibility of sanctions and monitoring of international agreements on nature, specific issues on whaling, possibilities to prevent deforestation of the Amazon by modifying international environmental agreements, etc. Issues concerning national environmental agreements should be coded as 700, issues on the greenhouse effect and global warming as 705, issues on fisheries as 408, issues on international organizations such as the UN as 1926 and issues on economic organizations as 1906.
	<b>1906. International financial system and international economic organizations</b>	Includes all international economic organizations (World Bank, IMF, OECD, etc.). Issues about international organizations such as the UN should be coded as 1926, environmental agreements as 1902 and issues about military organizations as 1602. Issues related to the WTO as 1802. Includes issues arising from the international financial system and its decisions.
	<b>1907. China, India and Pakistan</b>	CODE ACTORS: China (Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Mongolia), India, Pakistan (Bangladesh and Sri Lanka).
	<b>1908. Russia and the former Soviet republics</b>	CODE ACTORS: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan
	<b>1909. Eastern Countries</b>	ACTOR CODE: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus.
	<b>1910. European Union: institutional</b>	ACTORS CODE: European Union as a political and geographical unit. Includes EURATOM, ECSC and EEC. Also include Eurozone or EMU (Economic and Monetary Union).
	<b>1911. África subsahariana</b>	ACTOR CODE: West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo). Central Africa (Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Chad). East Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Seychelles, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda). Southern Africa (Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe). Do not include South Africa, French, British, Spanish, etc. dependencies
	<b>1912. South Africa</b>	ACTORS CODE: South Africa
	<b>1913. Western Europe</b>	ACTOR CODE: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Vatican City. Include Denmark, Grenlandia, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Include Turkey.
	<b>1914. Central and South America</b>	CODE ACTORS: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Chile. Include Easter Island (Chile). Do not include French Guiana, Guadeloupe,

19. FOREIGN POLICY		Martinique, which should be coded in France (1913) - Do not include Puerto Rico, which belongs to the U.S. code (1916)
	1916. USA	ACTOR CODE: United States of America (50 states + District of Columbia). Include Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Palau, Puerto Rico, American Samoa
	1917. Canadá	ACTORS CODE: Canada.
	1919. Japón, Coreas and Oceanía	CODE ACTORS: Australia, Fiji, Japan, Kiribati, North Korea, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
	1920. Middle East	ACTOR CODE: Middle East (Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Egypt), Red Sea (Saudi Arabia, Yemen), Arabian Gulf (Oman, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran). Include Afghanistan. Do not include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Cyprus.
	1921. Southeast Asia	ACTOR CODE: Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei, East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines and Singapore.
	1922. Maghreb	CODE ACTORS: Algeria, Libya, Morocco (including Western Sahara), Mauritania, Tunisia. Do not include Egypt.
	1925. Human Rights	Human rights violations with international content (if it does not leave the domestic sphere it is coded as 225). Include condemnation of human rights abuses in foreign countries. Include here international criminal tribunals (Yugoslavia, Rwanda). Violations of humanitarian law in armed conflict 1620 (Abu Ghraib)
	1926. International Organizations	International organizations such as the UN, the International Labour Organization, sub-organizations of the UN such as UNESCO, and UN peacekeeping operations. Questions about international financial organizations should be coded as 1906, environmental agreements as 1902. Questions about international non-governmental organizations should be coded as 1928. Voluntary associations and national NGOs as 1305. Matters concerning international criminal tribunals to be codified as 1925.
	1927. International Terrorism	ACTOR CODE: Includes only transnational terrorist organizations belonging to the fourth generation of terrorism (Al Qaeda, jihadist cells in Iraq, etc.). All Cold War and post-Cold War terrorist groups specific to a given state should be coded with the code of that state..
	1928. International non-governmental organizations	ACTOR CODE: International non-governmental organizations such as Oxfam, Médecins Sans Frontières. Issues related to voluntary associations and national level NGOs should be coded as 1305.
	1929. Diplomacy	Issues on the management of Ecuadorian diplomats by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, expenditure of national embassies national citizens abroad, peaceful interstate relations, international agreements and treaties (not including agreements of an economic nature, going back to 1906, or environmental, 1902). Includes issues related to working conditions and pensions of diplomats.
	1999. Other	Foreign policy issues and conditions of third countries not included in the above categories, e.g. issues on countries with bilateral social security agreements

	2000. General	Questions about the Executive Function-government such as budget, administration, priorities as well as the level of taxation and duties of the President and Vice President's area of responsibility.
	2001. Intergovernmental relations and local entities	Questions about the interaction between the State and local authorities, or between regions and local authorities. It does not include issues relating to the distribution of competences and conflict of competences on specific policies that must be codified within the specific code of each policy. Everything related to local authorities, local government law, municipal charter or generic issues on local finance. If we talk about intergovernmental relations in general alluding jointly and generically to central administration, local to the regions also include here.
	2002. Effectiveness of public administration	Issues related to programmes to improve public administration and government services. Includes ERJAFE, Public Administration Modernization Act. Issues in specific areas should be coded within each subtopic. For example, medical malpractice giving rise to liability should be coded as 324. Issues concerning Parliament-Government relations should be coded as 2011. Civil service issues should be coded as 2004.
	2003. Postal Service	Any issues related to the postal service including postal workers and their relationship with the national postal service ("Post"), issues about service restructuring, office closures, postal rate increases, privatization and other specific areas of the postal service.
	2004. Civil Service	Any issue related to public servants and their working conditions, including civil servants employed by the State and the pension scheme, collective agreements, personnel policies in public enterprises. It also includes issues related to the competitive examination system. Public offer of employment. Civil servants' health issues should be coded as 325, military personnel as 1608, postal workers as 2003, police as 1201, judges as 1204, doctors as 325, diplomats as 1929, university professionals as 601, primary and secondary education professionals as 602, and finance personnel as 2009. The rest of the civil servants here.
	2005. Designation of posts and salaries	Nomination and nomination issues for public positions including managers within the public sector and members of the Board of Directors of public institutions, among others. Appointment criteria. Include issues relating to the appointment of positions such as those of the Transparency and Social Oversight Function, among others. Include issues related to salary and other compensation of positions. Include ministerial changes. The appointment of Assembly positions is codified as 2017.
	2006. Awards and recognitions	Issues concerning the granting of awards and recognitions to public authorities and workers. Includes commemorative coins or stamps. Includes non-cultural awards.
	2007. Public contracts, subcontracting of services and misuse of public resources and	Issues about contracts made for the procurement of services at the disposal of the government, rules for making agreements including rules about public contracts. Outsourcing and subcontracting of services. Includes political corruption linked to public contracts. Urban corruption should be included here. Include political corruption of parties or persons related to a government (local, regional or central) and

<b>20. GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>corruption</b>	political scandals of all kinds, whether alleged or proven. Include lack of transparency in the political sphere and accountability issues.
	<b>2008. Privatization of the public sector and nationalizations.</b>	Privatization of the public business sector. Questions about the sale of public property, leases of public offices, public shareholdings in private companies, increased privatization of the public sector. Questions on specific issues should be coded within the relevant subcode. For example, issues about privatisation of public bus transport service should be coded as 1001. Issues related to public buildings in the cultural field should be coded as 612. Issues about privatisations in sectors that have a specific subcode should be coded in the corresponding subcode. For example telecommunications goes to 1706. Include here everything on nationalisation and expropriation except expropriation for the construction of transport routes, which is coded as 1010.
	<b>2009. Finance Administration</b>	Issues relating to the Inland Revenue and other tax authorities; practices, administration, organisation and disputes between Inland Revenue taxpayers, tax returns, processing time. Includes issues relating to working conditions and pensions of Inland Revenue employees. Tax policy issues and tax reforms including total tax burden, rules on taxes and deductions, VAT, changes in the level of taxation should be coded as 107.
	<b>2011. Assembly and Constitution</b>	Any question concerning the relationship between the Assembly and the Government, including questions of accountability. Questions of parliamentary groups. Questions relating to the reform of the Constitution. Pacts between parties with institutional representation. Questions about election campaigns should be codified as 2012.
	<b>2012. Regulation of political activities, elections and electoral campaigns.</b>	Questions about legislative elections, rules and organization of election campaigns, rules on the nomination of candidates for election, rules on political campaigns, use of government officials in election campaigns, party financing. Broadly include everything related to election and preelection campaigns, polls, surveys, leadership assessment and voting intentions. Voting rights issues should be coded as 206. Issues on the use of new information technologies in governance should be coded as 2002. e-government.
	<b>2013. State and Relationship between the five functions of the state.</b>	Any type of question of interrelation between the executive, legislative, judicial, electoral and transparency functions. Characters that denote the state or understood also as a nation.
	<b>2015. Assessments, complaints and denunciations against the current government, public administration or politicians in general.</b>	Assessments of the actions of the government and politicians in general. Opinion polls and evaluations not linked to elections and which cannot be coded with a specific subject. Any question related to complaints made against the government and the Public Administration. Anything about the Ombudsman. Matters concerning complaints against the Armed Forces should be coded as 1620
	<b>2016. Reform of the Constitution</b>	Everything related to the reform of the constitution of the Republic
	<b>2017. Assembly</b>	Assembly questions
	<b>2018. Assessments, complaints and denunciations against the government, the Public Administration, groups or political elites outside the government of the day.</b>	Assessments of the actions of the government and politicians in general. Opinion polls and assessments that are not linked to elections and that cannot be coded with a specific topic. Any issue related to complaints raised against the government and the Public Administration, groups or political elites outside the government in office.
	<b>2030. Public holidays and national holidays</b>	Issues relating to the number of public holidays and national holidays. Any issues related to bullfighting as a spectacle should be coded as 609. Animal rights as 709.
	<b>2040. Questions on transition and consolidation of democracy</b>	In general, any issue related to the consolidation of democracy, problems of disaffection as long as they are not linked to the Congress, issues related to the Transition. Historical memory and recognition of rights.
	<b>2050. Political Independence, Decolonization and State Building Processes</b>	Issues relating to national emancipation processes, dismemberment of states and declarations of political independence. For the Ecuadorian case, all claims for political autonomy, decentralization or transfer of competences should be coded as 2070.
	<b>2060. Political parties and movements as an organization</b>	Issues relating to the internal life of political parties and movements. Currents and factions, elaboration of electoral lists, election of internal leaders and electoral candidates. It also includes cases of espionage and illegal financing if they are not in a government.
	<b>2070 Relations between central government and local governments.</b>	General issues relating to the distribution and conflict of competences in local policy issues. Regional policy issues.
	<b>2099. Other</b>	Questions about government services and governmental affairs not included in the above categories
	<b>2100. General</b>	Issues related to publicly owned land. Water management, including multiple subtopic issues..
	<b>2101. Natural parks and protected areas</b>	Issues related to natural parks and protected areas. Issues related to cultural heritage including museums and world heritage at 612.
	<b>2103. Utilization of natural resources</b>	Issues related to state forests including issues related to the opening and closing of public and private roads in state forests. Includes issues relating to precious metals and other natural resources that cannot be used as a source of energy. Any issues relating to industrial or energy exploitation of minerals should be coded as 800. Private forest issues should be coded as 709, energy resource issues as 800, and public building issues as 2008.
	<b>2104. Water resources: development, public works</b>	Water resources: development, public works and ports

<b>21. NATURAL RESOURCE AND WATER MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>and ports</b>	
	<b>2199. Other</b>	Public land issues and water issues not included in the above categories

<b>23. CULTURAL EVENTS, ARTS AND HUMANITIES</b>	<b>2300. General</b>	General issues related to cultural events or the world of entertainment that include several subtopics. Government cultural policy should be coded in 609.
	<b>2301. Cinema, theatre, music and dance</b>	Any issue related to the world of cinema, music, theatre or dance. Include here other types of shows and performances such as circus. Everything about festivals, reviews, premieres, interviews, awards, etc. Do not include the government's cultural policy for theatre or cinema, which are coded in 609.
	<b>2302. Publication of books and literary works in general.</b>	Interviews with writers, publication of literary works, reviews, reports and any information related to literature as entertainment.
	<b>2399. Other</b>	Any news about entertainment and cultural events that cannot be coded in any of the above subtopics. Include hobbies, hobbies, collectors, social clubs (4200 USA).

<b>27. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND NATURAL DISASTERS</b>	<b>2700. General</b>	Issues related to natural disasters and inclement weather. Any news concerning government response, subsidies to those affected or their actions should be coded as 1523. Does not include fires, which should be coded as 709 when affecting forests or other natural areas and as 1209 for fires in other areas (discotheques, warehouses, etc.).
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<b>29. SPORTS EVENTS</b>	<b>2900. General</b>	Any sports news that has nothing to do with government policy. Include results, interviews with athletes, sporting events, etc. Sports merit awards given by the state should be coded in 610.
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<b>30. OBITUARIES AND FATAL EVENTS</b>	<b>3000. General</b>	
	<b>3001. Natural death</b>	Include here information on all types of deaths that occurred naturally (age, illness). Do not include cases of euthanasia, which should be coded 208
	<b>3002. Violent death</b>	Include here information on violent deaths that have occurred either through recklessness or disobedience or by accident. Exclude traffic or aviation accidents, which should be coded as 1002 and 1003, respectively. Also exclude cases involving crime (to be coded in the appropriate subcode of 12) or political responsibility.
	<b>3099. Other</b>	Cases where information about the circumstances of death is missing. Include missing persons and abductions here.
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	<b>31</b>	Answers
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