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**Acts of Parliament:**

**Dataset Variable Codebook**

Year: Indicates the calendar year in which the speech occurred.

Speech\_Year: Counting variable based on the Speech from the Throne from the first speech in 1911 to the last speech in the dataset in 2008, by speech from 1 to 102.

Royal\_Assent: Date the Act of Parliament was officially signed into law by the monarch.

Chapter\_Number: Counting variable within Speech\_Year.

Short\_Title: Official short title for the Act of Parliament.

Long\_Title: Official long title containing a more detailed description of the Act of Parliament.

Major\_Topic: Policy Agendas major topic code associated with the Act of Parliament and based on the Act’s short and long title.

Sub\_Topic: Policy Agendas sub-topic code associated with the Act of Parliament and based on the Act’s short and long title.

Corresponding publications:

Shaun Bevan, Peter John and Will Jennings. (2011). ‘Keeping Party Programmes on Track: The Transmission of the Policy Agendas of the Speech from the Throne to Acts of the UK Parliament’, *European Political Science Review* 3(3): 395-417.