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**Prime Minister’s Questions:**

**Dataset Variable Codebook**

ID: Counting variable from the first Prime Minister’s Question to open the 1997 Labour government.

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

Number: Indicates the number associated with a numbered question. Numbered questions are submitted to the speaker prior to Prime Minister’s questions and are known by the Prime Minister prior to questioning.

Minister: Name of the minister asking the question. Note this includes party and constituency data when available from the source data.

Date: Date the Prime Minister’s Question was asked in the DD-MM-YYYY format.

Question: Complete text of the question being asked including interruptions. Interruptions include points of order by the speaker and asides by other members that have made it into the official *Hansard* record.

Debate: Complete text of the answer including interruptions.

Major\_Topic: Policy Agendas major topic code associated with the Act of Parliament and based on the question asked ignoring other rhetoric and asides.\*

\* Note: This coding is based on the question and not the debate therefore ignoring any answers that attempt to change the topic at hand.