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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.