



# CODEBOOK DESCRIPTION

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This codebook describes the coding system in Spain.  
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This document provides information about the coding system used to create our databases. The document is structured as follows. First, we introduce the comparative Agendas Coding Scheme, and summarize the list of databases we have elaborated for the last decade with the support of several research grants led by Q-Dem (see the [www.Q-Dem.com](http://www.Q-Dem.com) for further information about financial support). Second we briefly summarize the coding procedures: how we coded these databases. Third, in the last section we describe each policy topic and subtopic, and at the end of the document we provide a table with some general information about the Spanish political system

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## 1. Introduction and Citation

The Comparative Agendas project coding scheme is an instrument researchers can use to explain issue attention in a comparative and quantitative perspective (<http://sbevan.com/cap-master-codebook.html>) The idea is that researchers use a single, universal and consistent coding scheme to create databases that capture how and why policy actors pay attention to different issues across time, countries and policy venues. Researchers define which policy actors, venues and periods of time to investigate according to their research questions. Actually the Comparative Agendas research community ([www.comparativeagendas.com](http://www.comparativeagendas.com)) involves a wide variety of scholars with different research goals. The link between all of these researchers is their commitment to develop and share data about issue attention that allows for comparative and quantitative analysis.

Q-DEM has developed a large variety of databases with the goal to explain: (1) agenda dynamics and political representation; (2) Government and Opposition relations; (3) Interest groups; (4) Social media; (5) Specific Policy areas, mainly Transparency and fight against corruption. To develop our research projects we have developed the following databases (table 1)

Researchers can access to these databases at: [www.Q-Dem.com](http://www.Q-Dem.com)

When using any of these databases, please cite:

Chaqués Bonafont, Laura, Anna Palau and Frank Baumgartner (2015) Agenda Dynamics in Spain, London: Palgrave

When using laws and speeches databases also cite:

Chaqués-Bonafont, Laura, A. Palau and L. Muñoz. 2014. "Policy Promises and Governmental Activities in Spain", in S. Walgrave and G. Green-Pedersen (eds.), *From a Policy Theory to a Theory of Politics*, Chicago: Chicago University Press

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Table 1. Summary of databases

Venue	Level of Governance	Political activity	Period	
Government	Spain	Prime Minister First Speech	1982-2016	
		Prime Minister Annual Speech	1983-2015	
		Governmental bills	1982-2016	
	Catalonia	Decree-laws	1982-2016	
		Governmental bills	1982-2016	
		Decree-laws	1982-2016	
Parliament	Spain	Organic Laws	1982-2016	
		Ordinary Laws	1982-2016	
		Parliamentary Bills	1982-2016	
		Legislative decree	1982-2016	
		Oral Questions in Plenary meetings	1982-2016	
		Interest Groups Appearances	1982-2015	
	Catalonia	Ordinary Laws	1982-2016	
		Parliamentary Bills	1982-2016	
		Legislative decree	1982-2016	
		Interest groups Appearances	1996-2015	
		Oral Questions in Plenary meetings	1982-2016	
	Andalucia	Laws	1980-2008	
		Basque Country	Laws	1980-2009
		Galicia	Laws	1980-2010
	Electoral Campaigns	Spain	Party manifesto PSOE	1982-2011
Party Manifesto PP			1982-2011	
Media	Spain	<i>El País (all stories Frontpages)</i>	1996-2011	
		<i>El Mundo (all stories Frontpages)</i>	1996-2011	
Social media	Spain & all CCAA	Twitter activity, interest groups dealing with transparency issues	2011-2017	
Public Opinion	Spain	Most Important problem (adapted from <a href="http://www.cis.es">www.cis.es</a> )	1993-2018	

## 2. Overview

These databases have been developed following the Policy Agendas Master Codebook. The Master Codebook is an adaptation of the US Codebook to the European context. For the last years, CAP research groups have engaged in series of intense and productive discussions about the coding system that ended up with the Master Codebook. For detailed information about this process of adaptation please visit <http://sbevan.com/cap-master-codebook.html>

### 2.1. Type of documents:

The databases contain two types of documents:

- a) Single issue documents: like Oral and written questions, Bills, and Laws.

b) Multiple issue documents: like Party manifestos and Speeches

- For the case of multiple issue documents, we have divided each textual part of the body of a party manifesto or a Primer Minister speech into single issue units, identified as quasi-sentences. Each quasi-sentence contains exactly one issue, statement or message. In some cases, policy actors (either parties or primer Ministers) address one issue per sentence. In these cases, one quasi-sentence equals one full sentence (dot to dot). In other cases, one sentence contains more than one statement, message or issue. In these cases one sentence contains several quasi sentences.
  - For example, the following sentence of the First Speech of Mariano Rajoy (October 2016) contains three quasi-sentences “(1) Contamos en España con la experiencia de haber sido capaces de entendernos en asuntos y en momentos excepcionales para nuestra propia arquitectura democrática, (2) nuestra pertenencia y compromiso con la Unión Europea, (3) o la defensa de nuestro sistema de derechos y libertades y la lucha contra el terrorismo yihadista.
- Also, in the case of multiple issue documents there are some parts of the text that do not address any issue or political statement. For example, the first sentences of a Prime Minister **speech may be very introductory and ceremonial, not containing political statements**. These parts of the text are included in the database, but are coded as non-political statements.
  - For example, the following sentence of the First Speech of Mariano Rajoy (October 2016) contain two quasi-sentences, both without political content: (1) “Señora presidenta, señoras y señores diputados, Cinco días antes de que concluya el plazo fijado por la ley para que las Cortes Generales queden disueltas de forma automática, (2) acudo de nuevo a esta tribuna para solicitar la confianza de la Cámara a mi investidura como presidente del Gobierno”.

## 2.2. Coding

- All political activities contained in single or multiple documents are coded according to the single policy area. The goal is to identify what issue policy actors are talking about, regardless who is the policy actor they are talking about or the policy instrument used to implement policy goals.
- In case the political activity (oral question, bills, etc) refers to more than one subtopic, then we use the general code (00).
- In case there is not a subtopic that identifies a particular case, then we use an “other” category in each policy area, that ends in 99. An oral question dealing about UFOs is coded 1799.
- We have also created categorical variables to identify what policy actors were talking about when performing different political activities. For example, we created a categorical variable to identify whether policy actors were referring to the UE; or to identify whether they were referring to the regional governments.

Table 3. Major Topics, Comparative Agendas Project Coding system

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Macroeconomic issues	14	Housing & Community Development
2	Rights	15	Commerce and Banking
3	Health	16	Defense
4	Agriculture	17	R&D and communication
5	Labor	18	Foreign trade
6	Education	19	Foreign affairs
7	Environment	20	Governmental issues
8	Energy	21	Public lands
9	Immigration & Refugee	23	Culture
10	Transport	Only in	Climate
12	Crime and Justice	the	Sports
13	Social Policy	media coding	Death notices

## List of Subtopics

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### 1. Macroeconomic issues

#### 100. General

101. Inflation and interest rates

103. Unemployment

104. Monetary policy, the Bank of Spain, monetary reserve discount rate

105. Budgets and spending budget law

107. Taxes, tax policy and tax reform

108. Industrial policy

110. Control and stabilization of prices

199. Others

### 2. Rights, liberties and issues related to minorities

#### 200. General

201. Ethnic minorities and racial discrimination

202. Gender discrimination and rights.

204. Age discrimination

205. Discrimination of people with illnesses or disabilities

206. Voting rights, political participation and representation

207. Freedom of speech and religion. Equal rights in general. ABORTION

208. Right to privacy and access to Information

209. Activities against the State

299. Others

### 3. Health

#### 300. General

301. General reforms of the National Health System (NHS)

302. General questions about the coverage of the NHS.

321. Regulation of the pharmaceutical industry, medical devices and clinical labs

322. Sanitary facilities, hospitals, construction in the health system.

323. Agreements between the NHS and private companies.

324. Medical malpractice, fraud, abuse and compensation systems

325. Human resources, education and training. Health manpower

331. Disease prevention and health promotion

332. Child health

333. Mental diseases

334. Long-term treatment, rehabilitation services, hospice and aging

335. Pharmaceutical expenditure, government consumption and drug prices

341. Tobacco

342. Alcohol, Control of illegal drugs,

398. Research and development in health

399. Others

#### **4. Agriculture**

400. Agriculture: General

401. Agricultural Trade

402. Subsidies and agricultural regulation

403. Food inspection and Safety

404. Agricultural Marketing and Promotion

405. Animal and Crop Disease and Pest Control.

408. Fishing and hunting policy

498. Research on agriculture and livestock

499. Other

#### **5. Labor**

500. General

501. Working conditions, work accidents and compensation schemes

502. Employment Training and Workforce Development

503. Pensions and early retirement. Employee Benefits

504. Labor Unions and employee relations

505. Employment policy and collective negotiation.

506. Youth and Child employment

529. Labor and Immigration

599. Others

#### **6. Education and Culture**

600, General

601. Higher Education

602. Elementary and Secondary Education

603. Education of students with difficulties

604. Vocational education. Professional training

606. Special education for disabled students

607. Education Excellence

698. Research on education

699. Others

#### **7. Environment**

700. General

701. Water quality, Pollution and Conservation of the Coast

703. Waste Disposal

704. Hazardous and Toxic waste

705. Air pollution, Global Warming and Noise Pollution

707. Recycling

708. Indoor Environmental Hazards

709. Species and Forest Protection

711. Land and water Conservation

798. Research and Development

799. Others

#### **8. Energy**

800. General

801. Nuclear Energy

802. Electricity and Hydroelectricity

803. Natural Gas and Oil (Including Offshore Oil and Gas)



- 805. Coal and mining
- 806. Alternative and Renewable Energy
- 807. Energy Conservation
- 898. Research and Development
- 899. Other

**9. Immigration and Refugee Issues**

- 900. Immigration and Refugee Issues

**10. Transport 1000. General**

- 1001. Mass Transportation and Safety
- 1002. Highway and Roads Construction, Maintenance, and Safety
- 1003. Airports, Air Traffic Control and Safety
- 1005. Railroad Transportation and Safety
- 1007. Maritime Issues and Naval Industry
- 1010. Public Works (Infrastructure Development)
- 1098. Research and Development in transportation
- 1099. Other

**12. Crime and Justice 1200. General**

- 1201. Police and crime fighting authorities,
- 1202. Organized Crime & Financial Related Crime. Tax fraud. White collar crime
- 1203. Illegal Drug Production, Trafficking, and Control
- 1204. Judiciary System and Court Administration
- 1205. Prisons
- 1206. Youth Crime
- 1207. Child Abuse and Child Pornography
- 1208. Domestic Violence, Gender violence and family issues
- 1210. Criminal and Civil Code
- 1211. Crime Prevention, Riots
- 1227. Terrorism and counter-terrorism
- 1299. Other

**13. Social Policy**

- 1300. General
- 1302. Poverty and Assistance for Low-Income Families
- 1303. Elderly Issues and Elderly Assistance Programs
- 1304. Assistance to the Disabled and Handicapped
- 1305. Social Services and Volunteer Associations
- 1308. Work-life balance and child care
- 1399. Other

**14. Housing Issues and Community Development**

- 1400. General
- 1401. Housing and community development
- 1403. Urban Economic Development and General Urban Issues
- 1404. Housing policy in rural areas
- 1405. Rural Economic Development and General Urban Issues
- 1406. Public Housing Programs
- 1408. Elderly and Handicapped Housing
- 1409. Housing Assistance for Homeless and Homeless Issues
- 1499. Other

**15. Commerce and Banking**

- 1500. General
- 1501. Banking System and Financial Institution Regulation
- 1502. Securities and Commodities Regulation
- 1504. Mortgages, credit cards and other services of the credit market
- 1505. Insurances regulations
- 1507. Bankruptcy
- 1520. Antitrust regulation and corporate management
- 1521. Small and medium enterprises issues
- 1522. Copyrights and Patents
- 1523. Domestic Disaster Relief (natural disasters and accidents)
- 1524. Tourism
- 1525. Consumer safety, consumer fraud and data protection
- 1526. Sports, Lottery and Gambling
- 1599. Others

**16. Defense**

- 1600. General
- 1602. NATO and other defense alliances
- 1603. Military Intelligence, CIA, Espionage
- 1604. Military Readiness and Capabilities
- 1605. Arms Control and Nuclear Nonproliferation.
- 1606. Military Aid and Weapons Sales to other Countries
- 1608. Human Resources and Military Personnel
- 1610. Military Procurement and Weapons System Acquisitions
- 1611. Military Installations, properties and building construction
- 1614. Military Environmental Compliance
- 1615. Civil protection services and Armed Forces
- 1616. Civilian personnel and employment by the defense industry
- 1617. Defense contracts
- 1619. Direct war related issues
- 1620. Human Rights' violations in war. Relief of claims against military forces
- 1698. Research and development on military issues
- 1699. Other

**17. Research, technology and communication**

- 1700. General
- 1701. Space missions and research
- 1704. Satellites and other space technology with commercial use
- 1705. Science technology transfer and scientific international cooperation
- 1706. Telecommunication and telephone services
- 1707. Media
- 1708. Weather Forecasting and Geologic Issues
- 1709. Computer industry and computer security

- 1798. Research and Development
- 1799. Other
- 18. Foreign trade**
  - 1800. General
  - 1802. Trade agreements, disputes and regulation
  - 1803. Export Promotion and regulation
  - 1804. Overseas private investment and Spanish investments abroad
  - 1806. Productivity and Competitiveness. Spain Balance of Payments
  - 1807. Imports and regulation of imports
  - 1808. Exchange rates and Forex
  - 1899. Other
- 19. Foreign affairs**
  - 1900. General
  - 1901. Foreign aid
  - 1902. International agreements on environmental issues
  - 1905. Developing countries issues
  - 1906. International Finance System and economic development organizations
  - 1910. Western Europe and common Market issues
  - 1921 Specific Country/region
  - 1925. Human Rights
  - 1926. International Organizations & International NGOs
  - 1927. International Terrorism
  - 1929. Diplomacy
  - 1999. Others
- 20. Governmental issues**
  - 2000. General
  - 2001. Intergovernmental relations and local government
  - 2002. Public Administration Efficacy. Bureaucracy oversight
  - 2003. Postal Service
  - 2004. Civil Service, government employee benefits
  - 2005. Appointments and nominations
  - 2006. Awards and public honors. Medals
  - 2007. Government procurement, contracts and corruption
  - 2008. Privatization of public sector. Government property management.
  - 2009. Central Tax Administration
  - 2011. Government branch relations, Parliament and Constitution
  - 2012. Regulation of political activities, elections and election campaigns
  - 2015. Claims against the government
  - 2030. National holidays
  - 2099. Others
- 21. Public lands**
  - 2100. General
  - 2101. Natural parks and historic sites

- 2103. Natural resources, forest managements and public lands
- 2104. Water and sea resources: development, public works and harbors
- 2199. Others
- 23. Culture**
  - 2300. General
  - 2301. Cinema, theatre, music and dance
  - 2302. Publication of books and literary works in general
  - 2399. Others
- 27. Climate (Only media coding)**
  - 2700. General
- 29. Sports (Only media coding)**
  - 2900. General
- 30. Death notices (Only media coding)**
  - 3001. Natural Death
  - 3002. Violent Death
  - 3099. Others

## **DESCRIPTION OF EACH SUBTOPIC**

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### **1. Macroeconomy**

100. General      Combination of different subtopics. Economic forecasts, general considerations on economic indicators, economic growth, questions to the Minister of Finance (including budgeting questions), questions concerning taxes, budget issues, the impact of European Monetary Union (EMU) on the national economy in general, questions about the impact of business activity on the economy. Balance of payments to 1806 and exchange rates to 1808

101. Inflation and interest rates. Inflation control and reduction, debates and issues on domestic inflation compared to other countries, indicators of changing prices, consumer price index, changes in food prices, cost of living, and interest rates: evolution, statistics and comparison with other countries. Debates on the impact of VAT on price developments. Issues related to the impact of interest rates (variations) on the national economy to 100. Impact of interest rates on mortgages to 1400.

103. Unemployment. Unemployment indicators: evolution of the labor force and employed population, number of Social Security beneficiaries, evolution, leading indicators. Issues related to the impact of unemployment on the economy to 100. Wage Guarantee Fund. Labor policy issues to 500.

104. Monetary policy, the Bank of Spain (National Central), monetary reserve discount rate      Issues related to monetary policy (expansionary or retroactive policies), Spain Central Bank, discount rate, availability of credit, savings rate,

relationship between fiscal and monetary policy. Relations between the Bank of Spain and other central banks to 1501

105. Budgets and spending budget law. Issues related to the budget, public spending, and public debt: trends and indicators for public expenditure or deficit, debt / GDP, expenditure / GDP ratio, issues related to debt reduction, optimal levels of debt. Changes on the initial budget (regulated by law)

107. Taxes, tax policy and tax reform Regulation of tax issues, tax evasion, tax reforms, and questions to the Minister of Finance (on these issues). Policies aimed at curbing public spending to improve overall welfare. This includes issues related to taxes on tobacco, alcohol, cars. Tax issues related to specific social groups has to be coded in the corresponding subtopics. For example, taxes on fishing to 408, tax credits for home purchases to 1400, and taxes on housing to 1400. If there is not a specific subtopic it has to be coded here.

108. Industrial policy Industrial promotion policy, industrial restructuring, subsidies, grants. Issues related to research and development (R & D) to 17. Issues related to consumer protection to 1525. Property rights and patents to 1522. In general, the regulation of trade and industrial activities to 15. Issues related to foreign trade to 18. Issues related to industrial competitiveness to 1806. Issues related to export promotion to 1803, and international agreements with GATT / WTO to 1802.

110. Control and stabilization of prices. Concrete economic programs aimed at stabilizing prices. Price freeze, control of wages and cost of living. Issues related to price regulation in specific sectors have to be coded in the corresponding subtopic: for example, the regulation of energy prices to code 8. Prices of medicines to 335. Issues related to pensions to 503.

199. Others. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics. Discussions on the cohesion funds and structural funds to 1910

## **2. Rights, liberties and issues related to minorities**

200. General Combination of different subtopics. Questions and discussions with the Minister responsible for rights issues (like gender, sexual orientation, age, etc.). European Charter civil rights. Policy and budget related questions to the Ministry responsible for these issues. It also includes questions on the right to private property.

201. Ethnic minorities and racial discrimination Generic issues related to ethnic discrimination at work, racist attacks, discriminatory treatment or privileges of ethnic minorities. General issues on national groups or not national go to 900. Issues related to the use of different languages at school to 2300.

202. Gender discrimination and rights. Homosexuals discrimination and same-sex marriage Gender inequality in wages, percentage of women working on specific sectors, active policies aimed at reducing unemployment discrimination related to gender. Discrimination against homosexuals and homosexual marriage rights (dummy morality politics). Includes also specific questions addressed to the Ministry with responsibility on these issues. Gender violence to 1208.

204. Age discrimination. Discrimination in the workplace based on age: age limits in hiring, significant differences in pensionable. Generic issues on aging to 1303. Employment and youth to 506.

205. Discrimination of people with illnesses or disabilities Discrimination against people with disabilities, accessibility issues in cities, transportation, etc. Includes also issues related to all types of disabilities. Policies oriented to increase welfare of people with disabilities to 1304. Issues related to housing and people with disabilities to 1408

206. Voting rights, political participation and representation Voting rights in general. Right to vote in European elections. Rights of political participation. Political parties, including regulation related to the legalization of political parties. Issues related to the funding of political parties and elections to 2012.

207. Freedom of speech and religion. Equal rights in general. Issues related to freedom of expression, assembly and / or demonstrations, including issues such as mobilization of pro-independence groups, Falangistas, pro-Nazi, etc. Issues related to the right of strike to 504. Abortion and euthanasia (with morality politics dummy). Issues related to freedom of religion or worship. Includes all issues related to the Catholic Church. All issues related to other religions such as Islam or Judaism. Financing system of the Church. Agreements with other religions such as evangelical, etc. Participation in the educational system to 602 (if primary and secondary education) and to 601 (if college or university). Issues on child abuse by the church go to 1207.

208. Right to privacy and access to Information. All related to right to information laws, data access, big data, Regulation of private information. TICs and data access. Implementation of transparency laws and Political Corruption to 2007.

209. Activities against the State. Subversive activities of all kinds. Nationals working for the secret services of other countries such as the CIA, or the KGB. Issues related to espionage or military intelligence to 1603. Issues related to terrorism and ETA to 1227

299. Others. Other issues such as regulation of fundamental rights (right to honor, etc.). Issues related to human rights violations without international content (that go to 1925). Includes also habeas corpus and fundamental rights charters.

### **3. Health**

300. General. Combination of different subtopics. Health policy, general action programs related to the National Health System, the Health Institute, spending on health, public satisfaction with the health system. Questions to the Minister for Health and authorities. Questions and discussions about how mobile phones affect health to 1706, the impact of air pollution to 705, work environment to 501.

301. General reforms of the National Health System (NHS) Discussions, questions, and any other activity related to privatization or nationalization of health services. Include here the discussion on the General Health Act 1986. Everything about specific changes in coverage to 302.

302. General questions about the coverage of the NHS. Insurance reform availability and costs. Discussions, questions, and all issues related to the coverage of the health services. Agreements with third countries, debates about coverage for changes of sex in public hospitals, for example. Copayment of health services. Health coverage abroad.

321. Regulation of the pharmaceutical industry, medical devices and clinical labs. Authorization and registration of drugs, clinical trials, adverse effects and pharmacovigilance programs, licensing and registration of generic drugs. Pharmaceutical costs and expenditures to 335. Does not include generic drugs, or selective financing or reference prices. Property rights and patents related issues to 1527.

322. Sanitary facilities, hospitals, construction, regulation and payments in the health system. Issues related to hospital buildings, internal organization, hygiene systems, differences in efficiency between public and private hospitals, lack of beds, capacity. Waiting lists.

323. Agreements between the NHS and private companies. Providers, insurance payments and regulations. Cooperation agreements between public and private collaboration in hospital on 322 and those relating to drugs in the 321. Coverage of assisted reproduction treatments. Coverage of other treatments such as dentists. Coverage of accessories such as wheelchairs, prosthetic devices to reduce deafness or others. Disability issues to 1304 and those for older people to 1303.

324. Medical malpractice, fraud, abuse and compensation systems Issues related to medical malpractice including errors in the prescription of drugs, surgery, patients compensation schemes.

325. Human resources, education and training. Health manpower Issues related to human resources, negotiation regarding specialists, ongoing training programs, Hippocratic Oath, privacy of doctor-patient information. Includes also discussions about working conditions of doctors and health workers and pensions. Data privacy related issues to 208.

331. Disease prevention and health promotion. Vaccines and vaccination campaigns, campaigns to prevent diseases such as AIDS. Campaigns for healthy eating, sexual transmitted diseases in general. Includes nutrition and health issues. Access to food to 1302, underage to 332, traffic accidents to 1002, alcohol to 342, tobacco to 341 and drugs to 342.

332. Child health. Issues related to child health, vaccination, nutrition. Mental diseases to 333. Violence against minors to 1207. Abandonment of children to 1308.

333. Mental diseases Issues related to mental diseases that do not refer to hospitals or drugs, or their inclusion or not in the National Health System. Includes also children's mental diseases.

334. Long-term treatment, rehabilitation services, hospice and problems relating to aging. Treatment for people with terminal diseases, home care of all types, cost and price of treatments. Issues related to the inclusion of this type of treatments in the National Health System to 301.

335. Pharmaceutical expenditure, government consumption and drug prices Issues related to consumption and spending on drugs: drug copayment regulation, concerts between State and the pharmaceutical industry, drug selective financing, regulation of generic and reference prices, price regulation, price differences with other countries (EU ), consumption trends, spending statistics.

341. Tobacco Issues related to the effects of tobacco on health. Prevention campaigns.

342. Alcohol, Control of illegal drugs, Generic issues related to illegal drugs, tobacco and alcohol. Issues related to the harmful effects of alcohol on health. Prevention campaigns. Issues related to the effects of illegal drugs on health. Prevention campaigns.

398. Research and development in health. Medical research issues. Assisted reproductive technology (ART) and stem cell manipulation (with dummy morality politics).

399. Others. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics, like organ donation.

#### **4. Agriculture**

400. Agriculture: General. Combination of different subtopics. Employment issues related to agriculture, economic conditions in agriculture, government's agricultural policy, agriculture's



regulation, questions to the Ministry of Agriculture, budget related issues. Fishing and fishing industry to 408

401. Agricultural Trade. Exports and imports (including agricultural trade with undeveloped countries), indicators, GDP ratio and other economic indicators, inspections of agricultural and farming products for exportation. General issues related to exports and imports to 1803 and 1807 respectively. Exports and imports of fishing products to 408.

402. Subsidies and agricultural regulation. Subsidies and aid for agriculture and livestock production, including specific aid for drought and flooding, legislation about land property and inheritance. Agricultural insurance. Subsidies for agricultural marketing to 404. Subsidies for flooding or fires not related to agriculture to 1523.

403. Food inspection and Safety. Authorizations, food safety controls, additives, hormones, storage of products that are already located in the country. Imports to 401. Regulation of slaughterhouses and animal living conditions to 405.

404. Agricultural Marketing and Promotion. Promotion of agricultural products, export subsidies for companies working in the food sector. Research on agricultural products to 498.

405. Animal and Crop Disease and Pest Control. Sanitary and living conditions of farm animals Issues related to animal and crop disease (swine disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, etc.). Subsidies related to animal diseases to 402. Adulteration of food products not coming from animals or crops (such as the colza oil scandal or salmonella in eggs) to 403. Issues related to living conditions of farm animals. Protection of animal and vegetal life to 709.

408. Fishing and hunting policy fishing regulation, fishing areas, negotiations with third countries, conflicts related to fishing quotas, protected species, types of legal fishing. Exports and imports of fishing products, subsidies, and topics related to fish farms. Includes also hunting related issues.

498. Research on agriculture and livestock Research and development of agricultural, farming and fishing techniques, including genetic modified food.

499. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics

## **5. Labor**

500. General. Combination of different subtopics. Government employment policies, labor market policies, good practices codes for foreign companies working in Spain, budget, priorities of the Ministry of Labor. Policies encouraging a higher flexibility of the labor market. Topics related to employment and discrimination to 202.

501. Working conditions, work accidents and compensation schemes Working conditions, mobbing and other work related

problems, special working conditions of a sector, compensations. Damages caused by chemical products or the working environment, discussions about what can be considered a damage caused by the working environment. Working conditions of military and people working in defense to 1608

502. Employment Training and Workforce Development. Ongoing training programs for employed and non-employed people, training needs analysis. Agreements with business and trade corporations to create new jobs, salary level of workers in probation and internships, resources managed by training centers. Issues related to labor unions and the management of unemployment compensations to 504, Issues concerning the beneficiaries of unemployment compensations to 1302, and professional training to 604.

503. Pensions and early retirement. Employee Benefits Pensions and early retirements. Includes also other benefits derived from work, such as leasing plans in private companies. Issues related to public servants to 2004. Unemployment and disease compensations to 503. Social Security issues to 302. Military pensions to 1608. Parental leave and other similar compensations to 1308.

504. Labor Unions and employee relations. All issue related to labor unions: organization, funding, right to strike, boycott. Rules and regulation of collective negotiation: negotiation rules, participation in formal institutions, such as the "Consejo Económico y Social." Includes also issues related to labor unions and the management of unemployment compensations. The relation between Unions and political parties concerning electoral issues to 2012. Unemployment and disease compensations to 503.

505. Employment policy and collective negotiation. Labor law and regulation of labor market Employment policy, flexibility of the labor market, creation of jobs. Negotiation of the employment policy with unions, business or trade associations, minimum wage or hour standards regulation. All issues related to business associations and collective agreements.

506. Youth and Child employment. Discussions about the minimum legal age to work, youth employment protection and benefits (under 25 years old). Child labor to 501.

529. Labor and Immigration Issues related to labor and immigration: visas, conditions, regulation; including issues concerning Spanish emigrants.

599. Others. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics, Employment reallocation in industries in crisis such as mining, naval construction, or professionals going to other countries looking for better economic conditions. Issues related to the health of health care professionals to 325. Lack of jobs in the army to 1608. Agriculture jobs to 400.

General issues related to unemployment to 103. Training programs for unemployed to 502. Other Social Security issues not related to other subtopics. For example, number of Social Security beneficiaries to 103. Fraud and abuse of compensation schemes managed by Social Security, such as pensions or unemployment compensations. (NOTE: Health Care is managed by the Social Security System until 1989, when it starts being funded with taxes. Education has been always funded with taxes.)

## **6. Education and Culture**

600, General Combination of different subtopics. Education policy, discussions about the education level in Spain compared to other countries. Budgets, Ministry of Education or other public authorities. .

601. Higher Education. Higher education policy, higher education quality, student living conditions, new degrees or university system implementation, admission criteria, universities' autonomy and structure, definition of quality standards. Issues related to higher education financial aid. Education programs related to health to 325. Police officers training to 1201. Research related issues to 1798.

602. Elementary and Secondary Education. Elementary and secondary education. Basic regulation. Grants and financial support.

603. Education of students with difficulties Education programs and policies for students with economic and social difficulties. Special education for disabled or handicapped students to 606. Adult training programs to 502.

604. Vocational education. Professional training Professional training programs (Formación Profesional, FP). Admission requisites, features of the education programs, training agreements, regulation of quality standards. Workforce development and training to 502.

606. Special education for disabled students Education programs and aid policies for students with physical or mental disabilities. Education programs and policies for students with economic and social difficulties to 603.

607. Education Excellence. Cost of libraries, number of libraries, book purchasing policy, lending policy, fees. Promotion of Information Technology. Issues related to research conducted in libraries to 1798. Copyright issues to 1522.

698. Research on education Institutions that work exclusively training professors and developing research to improve higher education.

699. Others. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics

## **7. Environment**

700. General Combination of different subtopics. General issues related to the environment, statistics, studies and reports, taxes... Budget, management and priorities of the Ministry of Environment. Environmental issues related to agriculture to 711 (excluding regulation of pesticides to 704). Environmental issues related to the army/military to 1614. International Treaties concerning the environment to 1902.

701. Water quality, Pollution and Conservation of the Coast  
 Inspection of the quality of the water. Drinking water pollution, pesticides or other chemical products in the soil. Sea environment to 701. Water infrastructures and access to water sources to 2104. Issues related to the impact of urbanization on the territory. Development and implementation of new energy sources linked to the conservation of the environment. Discussions about urbanization planning and housing policies not related to their environmental effects to 14. Sea environment, fuel pollution, conservation of the coast. Includes environmental catastrophes such as the Prestige.

703. Waste Disposal Discussions about waste disposal, waste treatment facilities. Substances or materials especially dangerous to 704.

704. Hazardous and toxic waste. Discussion about hazardous, toxic and nuclear waste.

705. Air pollution, Global Warming and Noise Pollution.  
 Pollution within national territory and policies oriented to avoid or reduce air and noise pollution and global warming. Promoting sustainable transportation. International Treaties concerning the environment to 1902.

707. Recycling Issues related to recycling.

708. Indoor Environmental Hazards Environmental hazards caused by nature, such as asbestos or radon gas. Damaging effects caused by humans, such as nuclear hazard, to 801.

709. Species and Forest Protection. Species and forest protection, animal rights, laboratory animals, national parks preservation, species and wildlife extinction, living standard of animals in the zoo. Fires when they affect/destroy woods or other natural areas. Bull-fighting, but when the issue is discusses as a national festivity it goes to 2300. Living conditions of farm animals to 405. Animal diseases to 405.

711. Land and water Conservation and Environmental issues related to agriculture Land protection policies, erosion and pollution. Fertilizers: types, features and environmental pollution. Pollutants produced by animals: excrements, collection methods and disposal. Pesticides to 704.

798. Research and Development. Research on environmental issues conducted only by institutions exclusively dedicated to environmental matters.

799. Others. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics

## 8. Energy

800. General Combination of different subtopics. General priorities of the energy policy, budget of the Ministry of Industry and Tourism devoted to energy policy. Secretaria General de Energía. Supply issues, promotion of projects, long-term energetic needs. Energy supply and preservation. Development projects related to energy and access to water to 2104.

801. Nuclear Energy. Negotiation board on the future of nuclear energy within the national territory. Management and regulation of nuclear waste. International Standards of nuclear safety. Nuclear plants. Nuclear power. Worker's safety in nuclear plants to 501. Nuclear waste of the army/military to 1614. Nuclear waste to 704.

802. Electricity and Hydroelectricity Construction of electricity plants, licenses to build these plants, production of hydroelectric energy. Regulation of electricity produced by natural gas, the impact of energy prices on energy industry. Electricity bills and fees. Foreign investment to 1802.

803. Natural Gas and Oil (Including Offshore Oil and Gas). Regulation of natural gas. Safety of the natural gas infrastructures. Extraction and commercialization of natural gas within the national territory and with other countries. Regulation of the transportation, distribution, prices and demand of natural gas, oil and similar products. OPEP's oil prices, international oil prices. World production and consumption. Strategic natural sources of oil. Mining resources to 2103. Oil waste to 701. Antitrust regulation concerning natural gas and oil trade to 1510. Foreign investment to 1802.

805. Coal and mining Coal for energy uses (coal and anthracite), regulation of coal industry, extraction of coal. Coal imports and exports, coal supplies. National and European regulation about coal energy uses. CECA agreements.

806. Alternative and Renewable Energy Hydrogen and renewable energy programs, promotion of solar and geothermal power, promotion of alternative fuels for automobiles, issues of ethanol gasoline, biomass fuel and wind energy programs, ocean thermal energy research, solar energy development program, alcohol fuel research, biomass, biofuel, geothermal leases on federal lands.

807. Energy Conservation. Efficiency of the government in the use of energy, home energy efficiency programs, energy conservation in cities, energy conservation standards, motor vehicle fuel efficiency.

898. Research and Development. National energy research and development policy, energy technology research and development, energy storage research and development programs, renewable energy research and development programs.

899. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics

## **9. Immigration and Refugee Issues**

900. Immigration and Refugee Issues. Number of immigrants, residence permits. All questions relating to refugees, the right to asylum. Processes of legalization of immigrants, access to health, education and social services in general. Include specific questions to the authorities with responsibility for these matters and discussions on funding for these programs. General questions about nationality. Regulation of tourist visas (not otherwise) to 1524. Employment and immigration to 529.

## **10. Transport**

1000. General Combination of different subtopics. Questions to the Ministro de Fomento about the budget, public administration issues regarding transportation. National transportation policy, general policy strategies, main goals and expected policy results.

1001. Mass Transportation and Safety. Policy discussion about traffic problems related to public transport, safety of public transportation, including public bus system, taxi, underground, cable cars, ferries, etc. It does not include planes and trains. Specific questions about automobile industry to 1002. Traffic problems and speed limit laws to 1002.

1002. Highway and Roads Construction, Maintenance, and Safety. Highway and general roads safety programs, speed limit regulation. Automobile driving license, implementation of a new driving license model, alcohol breath tests. Specific regulation about truck circulation. Highway and general road network development, traffic density controls. General information and data about car accidents. Expropriations in order to develop any general road or highway to 1010. Automobile traffic issues and safety. Regulation of automobile industry, bus industry and any other motor vehicle industry. Driving licenses for specific motor vehicles, weight and length limits for national road system and highway circulation, motor vehicle safety issues, auto industry development of airbags, motor vehicle information programs, automobile safety belt usage, automobile crash testing and standards. Highway and roads safety programs to 1002, including alcohol and drugs control measures.

1003. Airports, Air Traffic Control and Safety Airports. Aviation safety issues, financial condition of the airline industry, privatization and denationalization of airline companies, airlines fares and services, nationwide airport expansion needs, air traffic controller standards.

1005. Railroad Transportation and Safety. National railroad network, RENFE, regional railroads, delays, development of high speed passenger rail transportation, agreements with foreign

countries for the development of high speed passenger rail transportation, railroad safety inspection and enforcement programs, rail industry regulation, privatization and denationalization.

1007. Maritime Issues and Naval Industry. Merchant Marine, Coast Guard, and cargo safety regulation. Navy policies on transportation of military cargo by Merchant Marine, revitalization of the maritime industry, navigation safety issues, cruise ship safety, commercial shipbuilding industry, financing construction of merchant ships, denationalization and privatization, Transmediterránea. Unemployment rates among naval industry workers to 508 and 501 for their safety. International agreements on fishing and wildlife to 1902. Panama Canal to 1921. Port development and construction to 2104.

1010. Public Works (Infrastructure Development). Budget requests for public works and civil works projects, all kind of transportation infrastructure improvements, public works investment needs. Public works related to water projects to 2104. Issues not about the maintenance but the construction of general roads and highways to 1002. Airports to 1003 and issues about railroad development to 1005

1098. Research and Development in transportation. Research oriented to increase road safety and avoid noise pollution during transport. Technological improvements on automobile safety to 1002.

1099. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics

## **12. Crime and Justice**

1200. General Combination of different subtopics, questions to the Internal Affairs Ministry and/or the Ministry of Justice, general issues about the budget, public administration issues regarding these Ministries.

1201. Police and crime fighting authorities, Weapons Control, Private Security Forces. Agencies dealing with law and crime. Policía Nacional, Guardia Civil, customs and passport issuance and control. Issues related to Spanish nationalization, questions about budget and administration. INTERPOL, EUROPOL, cooperation and coordination among different Spanish police forces (it excludes conflicts with CCAA). Includes labor conditions and retirement conditions of police. Issues related to the Tribunal Supremo and Consejo General del Poder Judicial to 1204. Issues related to weapons control and licenses. Civil protection and emergencies. Includes fires when does not affect nature (that go to 709). Issues related to firemen job

conditions, protocols, organization, activities. Discussion and regulations about private security companies in Spain.

1202. Organized Crime and Financial Related Crime. Tax fraud. White collar crime Organized crime activities such as Mafia, organized crime in labor unions, *trileros*, all kind of organized crime activities except drug trafficking and drug related money laundering. Market disloyal competition and general anti-trust issues to 1520. Tax fraud. Political corruption go to 2007.

1203. Illegal Drug Production, Trafficking, and Control National drug control strategy, drug trafficking and money laundering, drug control border, drug control strategy and cooperation, Schengen treaty related clauses, drug trafficking in general. Issues related to the legalization of soft drugs. Drugs consumption to 342.

1204. Judiciary System and Court Administration. Issues related to the organization and efficacy of the judicial system. Tribunal Superior de Justicia. Issues related to magistrates. Access and labor conditions of members of the judiciary system. Issues related to the Civil Code to 1210. Parole to 1205. It does not include the nomination of judicial members by the Parliamentary, like those of the Consejo General del Poder Judicial. Includes access to justice issues (i.e. copayment issues).

1205. Prisons National prisons system, security and changes in the prisons system. Prison overcrowding, prison construction plans and policy. ETA related penitentiary issues to 1227

1206. Youth Crime All type of criminal activities involving youth and youth gangs. Youth gangs trafficking with drugs to 1203. Crimes committed by youth in the national area to 1208.

1207. Child Abuse and Child Pornography. Child abuse prevention, regulation of child pornography, violence against children, sexual exploitation of children, problems and incidence of missing children. Domestic violence against children to 1208. Kidnapping of children on Franco's dictatorship to 2099. Include here all issues on child abuse by the church. Includes bullying.

1208. Domestic Violence, Gender violence and family issues Issues related to domestic violence and all kind of abuses in the domestic sphere: violence against women, child abuse, elderly abuse, and incest. Female circumcision included. Child abuse outside domestic sphere to 1207. Gender violence outside domestic sphere goes here. Divorce and custody legislation issues that does not include any type of violence to 1308. State of child welfare services, adoption and foster care programs to 1308.

1210. Criminal and Civil Code Penal Code, review of sentences. Including discussions or debates about death penalty.



General Issues related to the judicial system to 1204, crimes related to animal exploitation to 709. Parole to 1205. ETA related issues to 1227, Murders (accidental also included), robbery, burglary, rapes outside the domestic sphere and all kind of common crime that does not have a collective dimension. Organized crime activities such as Mafia to 1202. Terrorism to 1227 Prostitution to 1211.

1211. Crime Prevention, Riots. National crime survey, general issues about crime evolution. Programs to prevent crime of all types, violent crime control. Includes prostitution criminal affairs. Prevention of drug consumption and health related issues to 341, 342 or 342. Collective violence issues and general urban riots and civil disturbances at the local, regional and national level. Civil wars. International wars to 1619.

1227. Terrorism and counter-terrorism. Terrorist groups and activities (ETA, Terra Lliure, GAL.) and counter-terrorism policy, except international terrorism from the perspective of the Foreign Affairs Office (that go to 1927). Includes Basque kale borroka.

1299. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics. Includes issues about extradition to foreign countries when cannot be coded in any other subtopic. Includes Ley de Seguridad Ciudadana.

### **13. Social Policy**

1300. General Combination of different subtopics. Questions to the Ministry of Social Affairs or to any other Ministry involved in the regulation of social affairs. General guidelines of the welfare policy, budgeted issues, goals, reforms of the system. Effectiveness and efficiency of welfare programs. Ley de Dependencia. Includes the combination of other welfare related topics (health, education, etc.). Health related issues to 3. Education to 6.

1302. Poverty and Assistance for Low-Income Families. Policies oriented to reduce poverty rates. Aid programs for children and families in poverty situations. Orphanage, needs of disadvantaged children. Does not include minimum wage regulation (to 505). Unemployment subsidy to 502. Early retirement and assistance programs for the disabled and handicapped to 1304. Nutrition Programs and Food Assistance to families with special needs. Issues related to child health and nutrition to 332. Diseases related to nutrition, like obesity to 331.

1303. Elderly Issues and Elderly Assistance Programs. Retirement and pension schemes not derived from work, like widowhood and other elderly specific subsidies. Social services for the elderly, elderly domestic assistance programs and conditions. Social services discount programs. Employee benefits and pensions derived from work to 503. Construction of

elderly nursing homes to 1408. Medical treatment at elderly nursing homes and other elderly medical issues to 334. Age discrimination issues to 204 and food assistance to 1302.

1304. Assistance to the Disabled and Handicapped. Social Security benefits for the disabled and handicapped, retirement conditions. Elderly nursing homes to 1408. Durable medical equipment for handicapped or disabled persons like wheelchairs, to 321

1305. Social Services and Volunteer Associations ONCE, Cruz Roja (Spanish Red Cross) and any other NGO related to social assistance. Any volunteer service program related to social exclusion. Volunteer service regulation (Ley del Voluntariado and Ley de Fundaciones). International NGO's and development NGOs to 1926.

1308. Work-life balance and child care. Work-life balance programs. Child domestic conditions and child care, consequences of divorce, child custody legislation, adoption and foster care programs, family services support for adoption. Child abuse to 1207 and domestic child abuse to 1208. Domestic violence in general to 1208.

1399. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics. All issues related to youth assistance programs that cannot be coded at any other subtopic. Includes data or statistical reports about general demographic issues (but issues related to aging of population to 1303, and data on birth rates to 1308). Does not include youth employment (to 506).

#### **14. Housing Issues and Community Development**

1400. General Combination of different subtopics. Questions to the Ministry responsible for Housing related to housing issues and urban development policy in general, budget, policy goals, administration and operation of national housing programs, housing safety standards. Issues about house prices, taxes about properties and land registration. Real estate speculation. Mortgages to 1504. Bankruptcy and economic insolvency to 1507. Housing industry in general (business-related as well) to 1400. Political scandals related to real estate speculation to 2007.

1401. Housing and community development. Housing and urban development, neighborhood revitalization efforts, neighborhood development and preservation, aids for private housing and urban reform.

1403. Urban Economic Development and General Urban Issues. Financial situation of cities (Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao). Unemployment of urban zones. Economic development needs of urban areas, urban revitalization, and effects of budget cuts on cities.

1404. Housing policy in rural areas. Rural housing assistance programs, rural home loan procedures, housing credit

needs in rural areas (including mortgage). Programs for the development and preservation of housing in rural areas

1405. Rural Economic Development and General Urban Issues. Development of infrastructures in rural areas (water, electricity, communications). Investment in rural areas, social and economic problems of rural areas. Issues related to unemployment in rural areas to 400.

1406. Public Housing Programs National housing assistance programs. Public housing programs for low income families. General and budget related issues of official protection housing programs.

1408. Elderly and Handicapped Housing. Public elderly nursing homes. Public housing for handicapped and disabled people. Medical treatment at elderly nursing homes and other elderly medical issues to 334. Assistance to the disabled and handicapped to 1304. Age and handicapped discrimination to 204 and 205.

1409. Housing Assistance for Homeless and Homeless Issues. Permanent housing for the homeless, national aid for the homeless, entry rules and regulation. Statistical figures about the extent and causes of homelessness in Spain.

1499. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics. Includes rental housing issues and illegal tenants, squatter (okupas).

## **15. Commerce and Banking**

1500. General Combination of different subtopics. Commerce and industrial policy in general, questions to the corresponding Ministry about the goals of commerce and industrial policy. Public administration agencies regarding commerce and industrial policy (CDTI, Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial). Industrial policy in general to 108.

1501. Banking System and Financial Institution Regulation Issues related to the banking system and the relation of banks with the Central Bank (Banco Nacional de España). Regulatory burden on financial institutions, financial service industry, financial institution deregulation. Savings banks included (Cajas de Ahorros). Specific questions about the Central Bank (Banco Nacional de España) to 104. Foreign investment of banks and financial institutions to 1804.

1502. Securities and Commodities Regulation. Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (CNMV), budget requests and appropriations, regulation of commodity markets, regulation of corporate bonds, stock market volatility problems (mercado FOREX), growth of money market mutual funds, pension fund investment policies. Only national market, international markets to 1807.

1504. Mortgages, credit cards and other services of the credit market Regulation of mortgage loans, consumers'

information about the interest rates of credit cards, fraud and other illegal practices with credit cards, interest rates for mortgage loans. Includes evictions (desahucios). Restructuring debt and mortgage banking. Issues related to the regulation of banks to 1501. Public housing programs to 1406. Protection of personal/private data to 208. The impact of mortgage market on the real estate market to 1400

1505. Insurances regulations. Insurance industry regulation, also compensations and mandatory insurance. Rules on deductions for insurance contracts. Unemployment insurance (unemployment and other employee benefits to 503). Agricultural insurance to 402.

1507. Bankruptcy. Bankruptcy and liquidation of assets of individuals and companies. Declarations of insolvency. Procrastination. Questions about bankruptcy of banks to 1501.

1520. Antitrust regulation and corporate management. Questions related to dumping and monopolies, markets competition legislation. The deregulation of the energy market to 802 and deregulation of telecommunications to 1706.

1521. Small and medium enterprises issues. Economic conditions for small businesses, export promotion of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Problems of access to credit for SMEs. SMEs taxes to 107

1522. Copyrights and Patents. Issues related to patents regulation and copyright infringement. Brands related issues. Drug patents and property rights. Issues related to generic drugs and patents (Bolar clause). International agreements on patents (TRIPS). Publishing industry copyright, also audiovisual industry and other technology patents related to art and culture.

1523. Domestic Disaster Relief (natural disasters and accidents) Issues related to economic aids and compensation schemes for companies and businesses as a result of natural disasters and fire. Includes payments to individuals by flooding's, earthquakes, etc.. Issues related to civil protection to 1201.

1524. Tourism. Issues related to tourism development. General rules and regulation of foreign tourists, including tourist visas. Question about immigrants to 900. Questions about foreign investment in the Spanish tourism industry to 1804.

1525. Consumer safety, consumer fraud and data protection. Issues related to the Instituto Nacional del Consumo, regulation and consumer's protection rights. Regulation of sales door to door and also telephone marketing. The right to data protection, data collection systems and database creation, control of public space recordings.

1526. Sports, Lottery and Gambling. Lottery and gambling regulation. State lottery legislation and other awards. Government sports policy, including promotion of sport. Issues

related to sport clubs and the national team. Broadcasting rights of sport games to 1707.

1599. Others Issues related to commercial or industrial policy not mentioned in the previous subtopics. Regulation or legislation about interest organizations activities. Corporate and Social Responsibility. Free-lance, self-employed workers. Arbitration procedures. Issues related to business associations, such as chambers of commerce, cooperatives and mutual. Also professional associations. Include here any general regulation on interest organizations.

## **16. Defense**

1600. General Combination of multiple subtopics. Outline of defense policy, goals and forecasts. Evolution of military budget and other issues related to defense budget, for example international missions. Issues related to the administration of the Ministry of Defense, including budget, priorities and tax exemption.

1602. NATO and other defense alliances. Priorities of the Defense policy and relations with NATO members. Issues related to the legitimacy of NATO' actions and NATO' missions. Other military alliances, for example, EUROCORPS, Western European Union, and the European Defense Agency. Everything concerning U.S. bases in Spain

1603. Military Intelligence, CIA, Espionage. Issues related to the National Intelligence Center (CNI) and the Intelligence Centre of the Armed Forces (Centro de Inteligencia de las Fuerzas Armadas). Regulation of the information services of the Police and Civil Guard. Questions related to the CIA, MI6, Stasi, KGB. Spanish citizens working for foreign intelligence services to 209.

1604. Military Readiness and Capabilities. Issues related to the evolution of the resources and number of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air Force). Availability of weaponry and technological capacity. Professionalization of the armed forces.

1605. Arms Control and Nuclear Nonproliferation. International agreements on disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Prohibition of weapons of mass destruction. General questions about weapons of non-military to 1201.

1606. Military Aid and Weapons Sales to other Countries. Military assistance to other countries. Selling military weapons regulation, for example, Latin America and Middle East.

1608. Human Resources and Military Personnel Working conditions of military personnel, including issues about personnel health service, accidents and fatalities in the Army, medical examinations of armed forces send to international missions. It includes all issues related to military service.

Also issues like reform of the military service; conscientious objection and social provision.

1610. Military Procurement and Weapons System Acquisitions Issues related to the acquisition of F16 fighter jets, the purchase prices of new weaponry, and evaluation of new acquisitions.

1611. Military Installations, properties and building construction. Issues related to the budget and expenses of military facilities administration, military barracks closure including amounts related to the savings. Sale of installations and barracks closed. Consequences of the closure of military installations for civilian personnel to 1616.

1614. Military Environmental Compliance. Environmental consequences of military training and war.

1615. Civil protection services and Armed Forces. Issues related to how civil protection services can help or support military tasks, or collaboration and cooperation between civil defense and the military services. Collaboration and involvement of the armed forces in fires and natural disasters. Civil protection cases with no participation of the military to 1201.

1616. Civilian personnel and employment by the defense industry. All related to civilian personnel and employment by the defense industry

1617. Defense contracts. Military contracts, including issues about the regulation of recruitment and staffing outsourcing compliance.

1619. Direct war related issues.. Issues related to the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, to the Spanish mission in Afghanistan and other conflict zones: (contingent Marjayoun (Lebanon), Mostar (Bosnia), Istok (Kosovo), Heartsfb and Qalalai-Naw (Afghanistan ) and Manas (Kyrgyzstan). Includes all issues related to war or other armed conflict between states, even if Spain does not participate. Generic debates about UN Peacekeeping missions as 1926. Civil Wars in 1211. Includes war threats of governments or political representative in office (not include the views or comments of the armed forces)

1620. Human Rights' violations in war. Relief of claims against military forces Claims against the Spanish Armed Forces, for example, soldiers wounded in missions or relatives of soldiers killed in service. Other issues as torture in Iraq (Abu Grhaim). Human Rights during peacetime to 1925.

1698. Research and development on military issues  
Research issues, for example development of new equipment and weapons systems.

1699. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics. Agreements between the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Industry. Evolution in civilian employment as a result of military activities, such as civil job losses

related to the closure of military barracks, military installations, military bases and military industry.

## **17. Research, technology and communication**

1700. General Combination of different subtopics. Priorities, goals and forecasts of the research and development policy. Questions to the Ministry of Education and Science (MEC) or to any other Ministry with responsibility over the policy, for example the Ministry of Industry and Technology in the first period José María Aznar' mandate. All issues related to budget priorities and tax exemptions in the areas of responsibility of the Ministry. Information and knowledge society in general

1701. Space missions and research. Agreements with Spanish Space Agency, participation in international missions like the International Space Station (ISS). Commercial uses of the aerospace industry to 1704.

1704. Satellites and other space technology with commercial use Issues related to the commercial use of space. Includes satellite' launches in the future as well as civilian travel possibilities to the moon.

1705. Science technology transfer and scientific international cooperation. Issues related to the collaboration between universities and the industrial and commercial sector. Collaboration between national and foreign researchers

1706. Telecommunication and telephone services. Issues related to services of telecoms. Allocation and sell of shares of telecoms to foreign companies, for example shares of Telefonica. Regulation of telephone services. Research on mobile technology and its impact on health. INTERNET: development and regulation. Conflicts between consumers and phone companies to 1525. Investment in overseas telecoms to 1804. Property rights of telecommunications to 1522.

1707. Media Issues related to television, radio, newspapers, including the regulation of public service broadcasting, private television, rules on TV advertising and regulation of newspapers. Issues related to audiovisual copyrights to 1528.

1708. Weather Forecasting and Geologic Issues Research about weather changes and geological issues. Modernization of the national weather service, weather forecasting and warning technologies. Consequences of the greenhouse gases, the damage of the ozone layer and climate change to 705.

1709. Computer industry and computer security. Broadband (ADSL) development in Spain. Issues related to specific projects on computer technology, and electronic crime (piracy or hacking).

1798. Research and Development. Issues related to the National Research Council (CIS), publication of positive and negative results of research projects of public institutions and

universities. Specific programs to support research projects in public institutions and universities.

1799. Other. Other non-general topics not included in previous subtopics.

## **18. Foreign trade**

1800. General Combination of different subtopics. Foreign trade policy goals, priorities and forecasts; and general issues related to the European Union' foreign trade policy. It includes also the Spanish Institute for Foreign Trade (ICEX). Issues related to the promotion of Spanish exports to 1803.

1802. Trade agreements, disputes and regulation. Issues related to the agreements and rules of the WTO / WTO, including compliance with the rules of free trade. It also includes bilateral trade agreements, and international arbitration and trade agreements of the European Union. Questions of trade deficit with other countries to 1806.

1803. Export Promotion and regulation. Issues related to the promotion of foreign trade such as tax incentives for exportation and export regulation: including restrictions on exports of high technology. Subsidies for the exports of agricultural products to 401. Regulation of imports to 1807 and the balance of payments to 1806.

1804. Overseas private investment and Spanish investments abroad. Issues related to the amount of foreign investment in Spain. Includes issues related to specific countries that invest in the country. Investment of Spanish companies abroad; national companies selling to foreign firms and foreign purchases of domestic companies. Investments which main purpose is international cooperation and foreign aid actions are coded as 1901. Include here overseas investment during the reconstruction of Iraq.

1806. Productivity and Competitiveness. Spain Balance of Payments. Include here differences in the balance of payments of Spain with other countries. For example, differences in the trade deficit among others, changes in the balance of payments and reports on indicators of competitiveness of the national economy. State budget to 105. Issues related to the economy performance and its evolution to 100.

1807. Imports and regulation of imports. Issues related to the evolution of Spanish imports. Regulation of imports from countries outside the EU, import restrictions for specific products, including tariffs.

1808. Exchange rates and Forex. Issues related to the evolution of the euro and peseta exchange rate (against the dollar, yen and other currencies) and its effects on the national balance of payments. Issues related to the European Union monetary policy. Foreign debt. European Central Bank.



1899. Other. Issues related to foreign trade not included in the previous subtopics

## **19. Foreign affairs**

1900. General. General questions about foreign affairs policy and the Foreign Office (Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y Cooperación), including budget issues, management, priorities, taxes and duties within the area of responsibility of the Ministry. Questions of international terrorism and kidnappings in third countries to 1927 and Human rights to 1925. Issues related to the general lines of foreign aid policy to 1901.

1901. Foreign aid Issues related to the overview and programming of foreign aid policy

1902. International agreements on environmental issues. International agreement on environment like the Kyoto Protocol, International Wildlife Coalitions (IWC) including the possibility of sanctions and monitoring of international agreements on wildlife and nature, specific questions on whaling, prevention of Amazon deforestation by modifying international environmental agreements, etc. Issues related to national agreements on the environment to 700, greenhouse effects and global warming to 705, fishing related issues to 408, international organization like the UN to 1926 UN and international organizations on economic issues to 1906.

1905. Developing countries issues. Specific problems of developing countries not directly related to foreign aid policy of the State, for example poverty debates, hunger, drought, AIDS, health or illiteracy. Issues related to foreign aid budget and public programs to 1901.

1906. International Finance System and economic development organizations Financial and economic international organizations (World Bank, IMF, OECD, etc...). Issues related to other international organizations like the UN to 1926, issues about international environmental agreements to 1902 and international military organizations (for example NATO) to 1602. WTO-related issues to 1802.

1910. Western Europe and common Market issues. All EU related issues, European Union as a political and geographical unity. Everything about EMU goes to 100 (use the dummy to identify the EU character)

1921 Specific Country/region everything about a specific country (mainly for the media) Diplomacy goes to 1929.

1925. Human Rights. Violations of human rights with international content. It includes condemnation of human rights abuses in foreign countries. Includes International Criminal Courts (Yugoslavia, Rwanda). Violations of humanitarian law in armed conflict to 1620 (Abu Ghaim).

1926. International Organizations and International non-governmental organizations International organizations such as

UN and its sub-organizations such as UNESCO and peacekeeping operations. International Labor Organization. Issues related to international financial organizations to 1906, environmental agreements to 1902, issues related to military organizations to 1602 and Schengen agreements to 1802. Issues related to international NGOs to 1926. Voluntary associations and domestic NGOs to 1305. Issues related to Criminal International Courts to 1925. International NGOs like Oxfam, Doctors without Borders. Issues related to voluntary associations and domestic NGOs to 1305.

1927. International Terrorism. Issues related only to transnational terrorist organizations belonging to the fourth generation of terrorism (like Al Qaeda, or Jihadists cells in Iraq, etc). All terrorist groups related to the Cold War and post-Cold War related to a specific state go to this State's specific topic.

1929. Diplomacy. Issues related to Spanish Diplomats under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs jurisdiction, national embassies spending, issues related to Spanish citizens abroad, peaceful interstate relations, international agreements and treaties (not related to economic agreements that go to 1906, or environmental agreements, that go to 1902). Includes issues related to working conditions and pensions of Diplomats.

1999. Others Issues related to external affairs not included in previous subtopics, like issues related to Gibraltar or bilateral agreements on social security issues.

## **20. Governmental issues**

2000. General. General issues related to the Ministry of the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency of the Government like budget related issues, administration, and the level of taxes and duties in the area of responsibility of the President and Vice President.

2001. Government-CCAA relations. Intergovernmental relations and local government Issues related to distribution and conflict of competences among CCAA. Autonomic policy and transfer of competences to the CCAA. Reform of the Estatutos de Autonomía. Harmonization of competences. Includes all issues related to the Senate, including its reform. If the topic refers to a constitutional reform it has to be coded in the corresponding subtopic. Issues related to the funding of CCAA and tax policy to 107 with the dummy CCAA. Issues related to CCAA budget to 105 with dummy CCAA. Issues related to the interaction between the State and local governments, or between CCAA and local governments. Does not include issues related to the allocation of power among levels of governments neither conflicts of competences related to specific policies that must be coded in each policy-specific topic. It includes all issues related to local governments (like basic regulation or local

finances). Includes all issues related to intergovernmental relations (state-regions-local governments).

2002. Public Administration Efficacy. Bureaucracy oversight. All programs oriented to improve the efficacy of public administration and governmental services. It includes the LOFAGE (Organic Law Regulating the Functioning of the State's General Administration), the Law of Agencies, and all other regulations oriented to improve the performance of public administration. Issues related to specific policies must be coded in each policy-specific topic. For example, medical malpractice to 324. Issues related to executive-parliament relations to 2011. Issues related to civil servants to 2004.

2003. Postal Service. Issues related to the postal service including postal workers and their relationship with the national postal service ("Correos"). Issues related to the restructuring of postal service, offices closures, postal rate increases, privatization and other specific areas of the postal service.

2004. Civil Service, government employee benefits. Issues related to public employees including State public servants and their pension schemes, collective negotiations, personnel policies in large public companies (like Radio Nacional de España). Issues related to public employees health to 325, military personnel to 1608 and issues related to postal workers to 2003. Police to 1201, judges to 1204, doctors to 325, diplomats to 1929, university workers to 601, workers in primary and secondary school to 602 and Treasury workers to 2009.

2005. Appointments and nominations (not codable elsewhere) "Issues related to nominations and appointments including the appointment of managers in the public sector and appointments of board members of public institutions. Includes issues related to the Defensor del Pueblo (Ombudsman) appointment, Constitutional Court, among others. Includes changes in government (ministerial positions).

2006. Awards and public honors. Medals. Issues related to awards and public honors. Includes commemorative coins and stamps. Includes non-cultural awards like the Principe de Asturias. Questions on military orders and medals to 1699

2007. Government procurement, contracts and corruption. Issues on government procurement oversight, rules on entering into an agreement including rules of public contracts. Subcontracting and externalization of public services. Includes corruption (including real estate corruption) and political scandals of all types. Lack of transparency and accountability (in general). Transparency and good government policy. Issues related to public contracts in specific areas such as elderly issues to 1303. Questions on military procurement to 1610, whereas military contractor oversight go to 1617.

2008. Privatization of public sector. Government property management. Issues related to sale of public property, government office leases, government shareholding in companies competing with private companies, public service privatization. Issues related to a specific topic go to the relevant subtopic. For example, privatization of bus transport to 1001. Cultural public buildings to 2300. The privatization of issues with a specific subtopic go to the specific subtopic. For examples, issues related to the privatization of telecommunications to 1706. Include here all issues related to nationalization and expropriation with the exception of expropriations related to transport issues to 1010.

2009. Central Tax Administration (Ministerio de Hacienda). Issues related to the Treasury (Hacienda) and other tax authorities; practices, administration, organization and disputes between tax payers and the Treasury, income tax return, processing time. Includes issues related to labor conditions and pension schemes of tax administration employees. Issues related to fiscal policy and fiscal reforms including the overall tax burden, rules on tax allowances and deductions, VAT relief, depreciation and changes in tax rates go to 107. Fiscal fraud to 1202.

2011. Government branch relations, Parliament and Constitution. Relations between the Parliament and the government, Ministries's responsibilities and parliamentary control. Constitutional reforms. Motion of censure and confidence question. Pacts among political parties with institutional representation. Standing Orders of the Congress, and its reform, unless it makes explicit reference to the Senate or to autonomic related issues that go to 2001. Electoral campaigns to 2012, public administration efficacy to 2002. Messages from the members of the Government or from the opposition related to a specific topics are coded in that specific subtopic. (ex. "Rajoy criticizes the economic policy of Zapatero" to 105). If it includes two topics it is also coded here (the PP criticizes the antiterrorist policy of the PSOE and the economic policy). Issues related to transition to democracy and democratic consolidation to 2099.

2012. Regulation of political activities, elections and election campaigns Issues related to the regulation of elections, organization of election campaigns, rules for the nomination of candidates , rules of political campaigns, the Government's use of government officials in electoral campaigns, political parties funding. Includes also issue related to pre-elections (elections polls, assessment of political leaders, voting intention). Issues related to voting rights to 206. The application of new technologies to public management to 2002 (e-government). Issues related to political parties. Political factions, ideological branches, electoral lists, primaries,

electoral candidates. Includes also issues related to espionage and illegal funding of parties without governmental responsibilities

2015. Claims against the government. Claims against the government NOT related to corruption (i.e. administrative silence). Evaluation of government's action and political leaders. Public opinion polls and evaluations not related to elections or that cannot be coded in a specific subtopics. Complaints against the government or public administration. All issues related to the Defensor del Pueblo (Ombudsman). Claims against the army to 1620.

2030. National holidays. Issues related to national holidays. All issues related to bullfights as a national festivity to 2300. Animal's rights to 709.

2099. Others. Issues related to the government not included in the preceding subtopics like the Royal Family, Consejo de Estado, and the Constitutional Court considered generically. Includes also issues related to Ceuta and Melilla. Issues related to public appointments to 2005. Issues related to royal family patrimony (palaces, mansions...) to 2300. Issues related to the consolidation of democracy, political disaffection if not related to the Parliament. Issues related to transition to democracy. Recovery of Historical Memory and rights recognition. Issues related to national emancipation processes, state rupture and political independence declarations. For the Spanish case, all issues related to political decentralization and CCAA go to 2001.

## **21. Public lands**

2100. General Combination of different subtopics. General issues related to public lands and water.

2101. Natural parks and historic sites. Issues related to national parks and protected areas. Issues related to cultural patrimony including museums, royal palaces and world heritage to 2300.

2103. Natural resources, forest managements and public lands. Issues related to State forests including the closing of public and private roads in State forests, rules of access to states-owned gravel pits. Includes issues related to metals and other natural resources that cannot be used as energy sources. All issues related to industrial or energetic uses of minerals to 800. Issues related to private forest to 709. Issues related to energy resources to 800 and public buildings to 2008.

2104. Water and sea resources: development, public works and harbors Issues related to harbors, such as the establishment of new harbors and piers, marinas. Includes also issues related to water access and water related conflicts (Plan Hidrológico). Concessions of hydrological resources uses. International agreements related to natural resources, including sea related

agreements (e.g. Montego Bay Convention) to 1902. Fishing related issues to 408 and issues related to water quality to 701. General conditions related to sea environment to 701 (non sea environment to 711).

2199. Others. Issues related to public lands and water resources not included in the previous subtopics.

### **23. Culture**

2300. General Government cultural policy, public spending on culture, salaries of employees working for the cultural sector, public decisions/actions related to theatres, cinemas, encouraging culture, cultural awards. Bull-fighting. Cultural events (cinema, theatre, literature...) with no political content to 23. General awards (i.e.: Premios Príncipe de Asturias) to 2006. Sports awards to 1526. Animal rights to 709. Education programs of institutions (such as film academies or architecture schools) managed by the Ministry of Culture to 601. Sports policy to 1526. Media related issues to 1707.

2301. Cinema, theatre, music and dance. Issues related to films, music, theater, and dance. Includes also other type of performances like circus. All issues related to festivals, critics, premiers, prizes, etc. Cultural policy of the government related to films or theaters.

2302. Publication of books and literary works in general Interviews with writers, publication of novels, critiques, reportages, and any other information related to literature as entertainment. Issues like Frankfurt Book Fair.

2399. Others Issues related to entertainment and cultural events not coded in the previous subtopics

## **Subtopics that only apply to the media coding**

### **27. Climate**

2700. General Issues related to natural disasters and meteorological damages. Issues related to governmental response to natural disasters, including public subsidies, to 1523. Fires to 709 when they affect forests or other natural spaces, and to 1201 when they affect other places (discotheques, factories, etc.)

### **29. Sports**

2900. General Issues related to sports news not related to governmental policy. Includes sports results, interviews, and sport related events. Sports awards awarded by the government to 1526.

### **30. Death notices**

#### **3001. Natural Death**

3002. Violent Death Violent deaths occurred as a result of accidents, imprudence or disobedience. Does not include traffic or accidents or plane crashes that go to 102 and 1003 respectively. Excludes also crime related deaths that go to the corresponding 12 subtopic.

3099. Others. Other cases where there is not information enough about death circumstances. Includes disappeared people and abductions.