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id: Unique identification variable for each statutory instrument.

sourceurl: Contains a direct link to an html version of the statutory instrument’s complete text on www.legislation.gov.uk.

year: Lists the calendar year in which the instrument was made.

speechyear: Notes the speechyear during which the statutory instrument was made. This counting variable allows the data to be easily matched on an aggregate level to UK Policy Agendas Project Data (www.policyagendas.org.uk).

number: Lists the number assigned to each statutory instrument. Note because of the database rules used to archive statutory instruments on the www.legislation.gov.uk website local statutory instruments and temporary instruments such as roadway closures are not included in this database.

subject: Contains the short subject description given to each statutory instrument.

title: Contains the official title of the statutory instrument.

made: Contains the made date for the statutory instrument.

made_reformated: Contains a reformated version of the made date for the statutory instrument.

laidbefore: Contains the laid before parliament date for the statutory instrument. Note that a blank laidbefore date indicates the instrument was not laid before parliament.

comingintoforce: Contains the coming into force date for the statutory instrument.

signedbytitle: Contains the title of the first signer for the statutory instrument when available.
eu_filter: Dummy variable coded 1 if the statutory instrument implements a European Union directive by way of citing the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68) which transferred the right and requirements to do so to the ministries. Coded 0 otherwise.

markup_filter: Dummy variable coded 1 if the statutory instrument cites an Act of Parliament in the current or previous year in the instruments full text (available through the sourceurl). Coded 0 otherwise.

majortopic_ministry: Codes the statutory instrument according to the UK Policy Agendas Project (www.policyagendas.org.uk) major topic coding system based on the signedbytitle variable. Note that a blank majortopic_ministry variable indicates an uncodable case. The UK and Comparative Agendas Project Master Codebook (sbevan.com/cap-master-codebook.html) coding for the ministry coded data are the same.

majortopic_subject: Codes the statutory instrument according to the UK Policy Agendas Project (www.policyagendas.org.uk) major topic coding system based on the subject variable.

master_majortopic_subject: Codes the statutory instrument according to the Comparative Agendas Project Master Codebook(sbevan.com/cap-master-codebook.html) major topic coding system based on the subject variable.