**SWEDISH CONTENT CODEBOOK**

**TOPIC AND SUBTOPIC CATEGORIES**

**Introduction**

The Swedish codebook is based upon the CAP Master codebook, which is an adaption of the original codebook for the US Policy Agendas Project developed by Frank Baumgartner, Bryan Jones, and John Wilkerson.

Each entry is coded into one of 22 major topics and respective subtopics. For each major topic, all subtopics are listed with country specific examples of issues coded in each subtopic. The “general” (00) subtopic includes cases where more than one distinct subtopic was discussed. For example, if a case discussed water pollution (code 701) and air pollution (code 705) equally, it would be coded as a general environmental issue (code 700). Thus, the general category within each major topic area includes some cases that are truly general as well as some cases that are the combination of as few as two subtopics. Each major topic includes an “other” (99) code subtopics that do not fit into any of the categories and for which there were too few cases to justify the creation of a new category. Finally, a list of suggestions for categories that have close links with other subtopics is provided. Those concerned with identifying each case dealing with a particular issue may want to use extra care in also examining the textual summaries for cases in related subtopics and in the general subtopic, since these can include cases that discuss several subtopics.

*Users should note that topic and subtopic numbers are not always consecutive.*

**Principles of coding:**

1. All issues should be coded into a topic;
2. Issues are coded according to the single predominant; substantive policy area rather than the targets of particular policies or the policy instrument utilized. For example, if a case discusses changes to the home mortgage tax deduction, it would be coded according to the substantive policy area (consumer mortgages, code 1504) rather than the policy instrument (the tax code, code 107). In other words, while taxation is the tool being used in this example the policy area is consumer mortgages.
3. Activities equally dealing with two topics should be coded with the lowest code in case of two topics from different major topics or into the general 00-subtopic in case of two subtopics in the same major topic.
4. The coding of questions to a minister may involve several questions on various aspects of a particular issue. These questions need not necessarily be coded into the same topic or subtopic. For example, some of the questions may concern whether the universities should pay rent (601) whereas some of the questions may concern public buildings and property (2008).

**Principles of coding questions related to other countries:**

1. General questions that concern other countries should be coded into the relevant 1900 subtopic(s), or, less frequently, the relevant 1800 subtopic(s). For example, a question on the French compliance with international human rights should be coded as 1925, and a question on whether South Korea meets international trade agreements should be coded as 1802.
2. Questions where Sweden and another country are compared or in any other way discussed in conjunction should be coded into the relevant domestic subtopic. For example, a question on the comparison of the health care systems of France and Sweden should be coded into the relevant 300 subtopic. Provided it involves Sweden, any other question concerning the EU countries should also be coded in this way, for example, a question on a German bill to establish an EU environment agency.
3. Traditional questions of foreign policy, such as Swedish relations with China should be coded into the relevant 1900 subtopic.

**Principles of coding questions related to the EU:**

1. Questions on constitutional and/or general aspects of the EU and its predecessors, such as EU institutions, questions on treaties, membership referendums, elections to the EP, expansion of the EU and so on, should be coded as 1910;
2. The rationale of substantive policy area rather than the targets of particular policies or the policy instrument utilized naturally holds also here. Therefore, questions on the CAP, for instance, should be coded as 400 or relevant subtopic, general questions on the VAT-directive as 107, and so on.
3. Questions on the Euro may be coded as either 1808 or 100. It should be coded as 1808 when the argument deals with the EMU, ERMs, and EUR, the relationship between the Euro and other currencies, including the SEK, and any mentions of membership referenda and opt-outs. When the Euro/crisis is discussed vis-à-vis its effects on domestic economic politics generally, this should be coded as 100.

Colour codes vis-à-vis the Master Codebook:

**Black. Original Master code**

**Blue. Relabelled code / Sweden specific description**

**Green. New code (Master codebook correspondence in parentheses)**

**Summary of content codes**

1. General domestic macroeconomic issues

2. General civil rights, minority issues, and civil liberties

3. General health

4. General agriculture

5. General labour and employment

6. General education

7. General environment

8. General energy

9. General immigration, integration, and refugee issues

10. General transportation

12. General law, crime and family issues

13. General social welfare

14. General community development and housing issues

15. General banking, finance, and domestic commerce

16. General defence

17. General space, science, technology, and communications

18. General foreign trade

19. General international affairs, foreign aid, and the EU

20. General government operations

21. General public lands, water management, and territorial issues

23. General cultural policy issues

99. Other and non-policy content

**Detailed list of content codes**

**1. General domestic macroeconomic issues**

100: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

101: Inflation, prices, and interest rates

103: Unemployment and employment rate

104: Monetary supply, the Swedish Central Bank (‘Riksbanken’), government bonds, and dealings of the Ministry of Finance

105: National budget and debt

107: Taxation, tax policy, VAT, and tax reform

108: Industrial policy reform

110: Price control and stabilization

199: Other

**2. General civil rights, minority issues, and civil liberties**

200: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

201: Ethnic minority and racial group discrimination

202: Gender and sexual orientation discrimination

204: Age discrimination

205: Handicap and disease discrimination and rights

206: Voting rights and issues

207: Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, and abortion rights

208: Right to privacy, right to information and government acts

209: Government restrictions and anti-government activities (NB does not include terrorism)

210: The Swedish National Church (207)

299: Other

**3. General health**

300. General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

301: Comprehensive healthcare reform

302: Insurance reform, availability, and costs

321: Regulation of the drug industry, medical devices, and clinical labs

322: Facilities construction, regulation, and payments (includes waiting lists and ambulance service)

323: Provider and insurer payments and regulation (includes other or multiple benefits)

324: Medical liability, fraud, abuse, and patient redress

325: Health manpower and training

331: Disease prevention, treatment, and health promotion (includes specific diseases not mentioned elsewhere)

332: Infants, children, and maternity medical services

333: Mental health and mental retardation

334: Long-term care, home health, terminally ill and rehabilitation services

335: Prescription drug coverage and costs

341: Tobacco abuse, treatment and education

342: Drug and Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment

398: Health research and development

399: Other

**4. Agriculture**

400: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

401: Agricultural trade

402: Government subsidies to farmers and ranchers (includes agricultural disaster insurance)

403: Food inspection and safety (includes seafood inspection and safety)

404: Agricultural marketing and promotion

405: Animal and crop disease, animal welfare, and pest control

408: Fisheries and fishing

498: Agricultural research and development

499: Other

**5. General labour and employment**

500: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

501: Worker safety and protection

502: Employment training, employment counselling, and workforce development

503: Employee benefits (includes employee pension contributions)

504: Employee relations and labour unions

505: Fair labour standards and labour law

506: Youth employment and child labour

507: Unemployment compensation (including early retirement pension) (503)

529: Migrant and seasonal workers

599: Other

**6. General education**

600: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

601: Higher education (including doctoral research)

602: Elementary and secondary education, including the Swedish municipal primary school (’grundskolan’), lower secondary school (’högstadiet’) and upper secondary school (‘gymnasiet’)

603: Education of underprivileged students

604: Vocational education

606: Special education

607: Educational excellence

698: Educational research and development

699: Other

**7. General environment**

700: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

701: Drinking water safety, water supply, water pollution, and water conservation

703: Waste disposal

704: Hazardous waste and toxic chemical regulation, treatment and disposal

705: Air pollution, global warming, and noise pollution

707: Recycling

708: Indoor environmental hazards

709: Species and plant life protection

711: Land and water conservation (includes environmental issues related to agriculture)

798: Environmental research and development

799: Other

**8. Energy**

800: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

801: Nuclear energy (including the mining of uranium)

802: Electricity and hydroelectricity

803: Natural gas and oil (includes drilling for gas and oil)

805: Coal (including the mining of coal)

806: Alternative and renewable energy

807: Energy conservation

898: Energy research and development

899: Other

**9. General immigration, integration, and refugee issues**

900: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)

930: Entry, stay, and integration of regular immigrants (900)

931: Refugees and asylum seekers (900)

932: Nationality acquisition and citizenship (900)

933: Expulsions and irregular immigrants (900)

999: Other (900)

**10. General transportation**

1000: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1001: Mass and public transportation and safety

1002: Road construction, transportation, maintenance, and safety

1003: Airports, airlines, air traffic control, and safety

1005: Railroad transportation and safety

1007: Maritime issues

1010: Public works (infrastructure development)

1098: Transportation research and development

1099: Other

**12. General law, crime, and family issues**

1200: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1201: Agencies dealing with law, crime, and public safety (includes executive agencies, police, fire and weapons control)

1202: White-collar crime and organised crime

1203: Illegal drug production, trafficking, and control

1204: Court administration

1205: Prisons and non-custodial treatment

1206: Juvenile crime and the juvenile justice system

1207: Child abuse, child pornography, and trafficking in children

1208: Family issues (includes family law and domestic abuse)

1210: Criminal and civil code (includes specific crimes not mentioned elsewhere)

1211: Riots and crime prevention

1227: Police and other general domestic security responses to terrorism (e.g. Special Police)

1230: Prostitution and human trafficking (1210)

1299: Other

**13. General social policy**

1300: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1302: Poverty and assistance for low-income families

1303: Elderly issues and elderly assistance programs (includes government pension)

1304: Assistance to the disabled and handicapped

1305: Social services and volunteer associations (includes charities and youth programs)

1308: Parental leave and child care (includes child care allowance)

1399: Other

**14. General community development and housing issues**

1400: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1401: Housing and regional/community development (includes private homes ownership, regional development)

1403: Urban economic development and general urban issues (does not include capital city affairs)

1404: Rural housing and farm housing assistance programs

1405: Rural economic development and general rural issues

1406: Low- and middle-income housing programs and needs

1407: Veterans housing assistance and military housing programs

1408: Elderly and handicapped housing

1409: Housing assistance for homeless and homeless issues

1498: Development and research

1499: Other (including rental market regulation)

**15. General banking, finance, domestic commerce, and consumer issues**

1500: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1501: Banking system and financial institution regulation

1502: Securities and commodities regulation (examples: including international stock markets)

1504: Consumer finance, mortgages, and credit cards

1505: Insurance regulation

1507: Bankruptcy

1520: Corporate mergers, antitrust regulation, and corporate management issues

1521: Small and medium-sized businesses

1522: Copyrights and patents (ex. intellectual property)

1523: Domestic disaster relief

1524: Tourism

1525: Consumer safety and consumer fraud

1526: Sports and gambling regulation

1598: Development and research

1599: Other (including licensing, sell beer, farm sales of alcohol)

**16. General defence**

1600: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1602: Defence alliances and security assistance

1603: Military intelligence and espionage

1604: Military readiness, coordination of armed services air support and sealift capabilities, and national stockpiles of strategic materials

1605: Arms control and nuclear non-proliferation

1606: Military aid and weapons sales to other countries

1608: Manpower, military personnel, and dependents (includes military courts and veteran’s issues)

1610: Military procurement and weapons system acquisitions and evaluations

1611: Military installations, constructions, and land transfers

1612: National Guard and Reserve Affairs

1614: Military environmental compliance

1615: Civil defence (includes general military and other national security responses to terrorism and war)

1616: Civilian personnel and civilian employment by the defence industry

1617: Oversight of defence contracts and contractors

1619: Direct war related issues

1620: Relief of claims against national military

1628: Freedom from alliance, military neutrality (1699)

1698: Research and development

1699: Other

**17. General space, science, technology, and communications**

1700: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1701: Government use of space and space exploration agreements

1704: Commercial use of space (e.g. commercial satellites)

1705: Science technology transfer and international scientific cooperation

1706: Telephone and telecommunication regulation (includes the infrastructure for high speed internet and other forms of telecommunications)

1707: Media including newspaper, publishing, and broadcast industry regulation

1708: Weather forecasting, related issues, and oceanography

1709: Computer industry and computer security (hacking, virus, illegal downloading generally)

1798: Research and development

1799: Other

**18. General foreign trade**

1800: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1802: Trade negotiations, disputes, and agreements

1803: Export promotion, regulation, and export credit agencies

1804: Foreign private business investment in Sweden and Swedish private business investment abroad

1806: Productivity and competitiveness of domestic business (includes balance of payments)

1807: Tariff and import restrictions (includes import regulation)

1808: The Euro, exchange rates, and related issues

1899: Other

**19. General international affairs, foreign aid, and the EU**

1900: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

1901: Foreign aid and assistance

1902: International resources exploitation and resources agreements

1905: Developing countries issues

1906: International finance and economic development

1910: Common market issues, the EU and its predecessors

1913: Western Europe (1910)

1921: Specific country/region (only cases not codeable elsewhere)

1925: International human rights

1926: International organisations other than finance (includes NGOs)

1929: Swedish diplomats, Swedish citizens abroad, foreign diplomats in Sweden, passports, and border control

1927: International terrorism and hijacking (e.g. acts of piracy, terrorist incidents in foreign countries)

1931: Nordic, Scandinavian, and Baltic Sea relations and cooperation (1913)

1999: Other (democracy promotion)

**20. General government operations**

2000: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

2001: Intergovernmental relations (ex. includes relations between state, municipalities and counties/regions). General questions on centralisation/decentralisation.

2002: Government efficiency and bureaucratic oversight

2003: Postal services issues (includes mail fraud)

2004: Government Employee Benefits, Civil Service Issues

2005: Nominations and appointments

2006: Currency, Commemorative Coins, Medals, Mint

2007: Government procurement, procurement fraud, and contractor management

2008: Public ownership of buildings, property, and in corporations. General questions on privatisation/nationalisation.

2009: Management of the Central Tax Administration

2010: Impeachment and scandals

2011: Government branch relations, administrative issues, parliamentary powers, and constitutional reforms

2012: Regulation of political campaigns, political parties and advertising, and voter registration

2013: Census and statistics (does not include un/employment statistics)

2014: Capital city affairs (status, tax function, local government, certain rules)

2015: Relief of claims against the national government

2030: National holidays

2099: Other (including the monarchy, royal family issues)

**21. General public lands, water management, and territorial issues**

2100: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)

2101: National parks, memorials, historic sites, public recreational areas (includes the management and staffing of cultural sites)

2102: Sami issues (including reindeer farming)

2103: Use and protection of public natural resources such as state forests and mines

2104: Water resources development and research (including harbours)

2105: Dependencies and territorial issues (includes devolution)

2199: Other

**23. General cultural policy issues**

2300: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics) content/quality of media beyond regulation

2301: Cultural outlets (museums, operas, theatres, cinemas, libraries, archives) (2300)

2302: National cultural heritage, history, and national languages (2300)

2303: The Swedish schools for music and arts (2300)

2399: Other

**99. Other and non-policy content**

**Annotated list of content codes**

**1. General domestic macroeconomic issues**

**100: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)**

State of and prospects for Swedish economy, recessions and crises, consequences of the EMU/Euro for the Swedish economy, public assistance expenditure including general aspects of distribution and redistribution of income, the government’s economic policy, standard of living, general economic statistics.

*Anti-poverty measures should be coded as 1302.*

**101: Inflation, prices, and interest rates**

Inflation control and reduction, the Swedish level of inflation compared to other countries or partners, consumer price index, increases in prices due to VAT increases, effects of inflation on business and regions.

*Questions on the importance of the level of interest rates to the*

*Swedish economy should be coded as 100.*

**103: Unemployment and employment rate**

National unemployment and employment rate and figures including youth unemployment, projections, *general* discussion on unemployment and long-term unemployment, situation for people in unemployment including the concept of existing outside the labour force (“utanförskap”).

*Questions on the effects of unemployment on the Swedish economy should be coded as 100*.

*The promotion of new jobs, full employment etc. should be coded as 500, or when relevant, into one*

*of the 500-subtopics.*

**104: Monetary supply, the Swedish Central Bank (‘Riksbanken’), government bonds, and dealings of the Ministry of Finance**

Expansive or contractive monetary policies issues, foreign exchange reserves of the Swedish Central Bank, Ministry of Finance issues including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the minister’s area of responsibility.

*Relations between the Swedish Central Bank and other banks should be coded as 1501.*

*Negotiations between the Ministry of Finance and municipalities*

*should be coded as 2001*.

*Questions on the balance of payment and exchange rates should*

*be coded as 1806 and 1808 respectively.*

**105: National budget and debt**

National budgetary development issues, public debt-GDP ratio, questions on how to assess the level of the public debt as well as how to record revenue and expenditure, general cuts issues.

*Negotiations between the Ministry of Finance and the municipalities*

*should be coded as 2001*.

**107: Taxation, tax policy, VAT, and tax reform**

Overall tax pressure, tax issues of *general* population segments such as the industry, employees, self-employed and so on, regulation of tax deduction, VAT relief and depreciation, income tax and corporate income tax, tax breaks directed at specific sectors (e.g. “ROT” and “RUT”) with great fiscal importance including cigarettes, alcohol, cars, petrol, pension savings etc. Consequences of tax evasion including tax havens, items to be included in taxable income, tax situation of Swedish expatriates, capital gains tax, tax-exempt allowances.

*Question on the evasion of tax, including the black market and black income,*

*should be coded as 1202.*

*Questions on the Central Tax Administration’s administration should be coded as 2009.*

*Tax policy issues on* specific *population segments should be coded into the respective subtopics (fishermen’s tax conditions should be coded as 408, home loan deductions as 1411 etc.)*

*Tax on specific items where no obvious subtopic exists, e.g. duties on sweets, chocolate and soft drinks should be coded as 107.*

*Congestion charging, or road toll, should be coded as 1002.*

**108: Industrial policy reform**

Large-scale industrial policy reforms, such as major reforms of de/centralisation of industry, domestic support schemes and restructuring of certain industries e.g. the steelwork industry in Kiruna. NB: Only really large-scale reforms goes into this category and should be used rarely!

*General trade and industry such as issues related entrepreneurship, start-ups, promotion, private companies etc. should be coded into the relevant 15-subtopic.*

*Mentions of specific publicly owned businesses should be coded*

 *into the relevant category, for instance Vattenfall should be coded as 802, Nordea and SBAB as*

*Telia Sonera as 1706, AB Svensk Bilprovning as 1002, Svenska Spel as 1526 and so on. When unclear code as 2008.*

*Questions on foreign trade should be coded into the relevant 18-subtopics. Consequently, questions on Swedish competitiveness should be coded as 1806, and questions on exports promotion as 1803. International agreements, such as GATT/WTO should be coded as 1802.*

*General issues of sale and purchase of government assets and business should be coded as 2008 and as 701 for the privatisation of water suppliers; 803 for privatisation of gas; for privatisation of the coal industry; 801 for privatisation of nuclear industry; 1003 for privatisation of the aircraft industry; 1007 for privatisation of shipbuilding; 1706 for privatisation of telecommunications services; and as 301 for structural changes in health care provision (e.g. private or semi-private providers).*

**110: Price control and stabilization**

Price and profits freezes, wage-price freezes, cost-of-living freezes.

*Agricultural price support programs should be coded as 402.*

*Questions on oil prices and demand as 803.*

**199: Other**

Situation for and differences between the socio-economic classes, societal changes in socio-economic class.

**2. General civil rights, minority issues, and civil liberties**

**200: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

General questions on civil and equal rights including popular rule, national and international legislation on human rights (e.g. European Convention on Human Rights, the EU’s Civil Rights Charter), the minister of equality and related budgets, administration, and priorities, dealings of the ombudsman of equality (JO), bullying, violence and discrimination at the workplace and in school generally.

*Questions on nationality acquisition and citizenship of immigrants*

*and asylum seekers should be coded as 932.*

*Questions related to democracy that deals with the functioning of democracy should be coded in the appropriate 2000-topic.*

**201: Ethnic minority and racial group discrimination**

Employment discrimination of ethnic minority groups, racist attacks against ethnic groups, preferential treatment of ethnic groups, incitement of racial hatred, investigation of racist or anti-immigration parties, rights and integration of Roma and Finno-Swedish population.

*Questions on the integration of immigrants should be coded as 900. Questions on ethnic groups of non-Swedish origin should be coded within the relevant 900 subtopic. Questions on mother-tongue teaching and the municipal primary and lower-secondary school etc. should be coded*

*into the relevant 600 sub-topics.*

**202: Gender and sexual orientation discrimination**

Gender discrimination including positive discrimination, equal pay, special treatment regarding sex, gender, the percentage of female employees in specific job sectors or positions, female entrepreneurship, discrimination against homosexuals regarding job recruitment, dealings of the minister of Equality such as budgets, administration, priorities and extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility.

*Questions regarding maternity leave should be coded as 1308.*

*The protection of women’s abortion rights as 207.*

**204: Age** **discrimination**

Age discrimination in job recruitment and otherwise.

*General elderly issues should be coded as 1303*. *Legal pension age should be coded as 503.*

*People working after 65 should be coded as 599.*

**205: Handicap and disease discrimination and rights**

Discrimination against the disabled, handicapped or other health conditions generally and in employment, lack of access to public buildings or public places for the handicapped, discrimination against travelling handicapped persons such as airline discrimination against blind people, special and preferential treatment of the handicapped, the right to sign-language and/or person interpreter for the deaf, hearing impaired, deaf-blind and mute, other services to enable persons with disabilities enjoying their civil rights.

*Questions on assistance to the handicapped should be coded as 1304. Handicapped housing issues should be coded as 1408*.

**206: Voting rights and issues**

Voting rights issues on age requirements and nationality, regulation on municipality elections, EU citizens’ obtaining voting rights in local elections etc. after the establishment of the EU.

*Issues concerning political parties, the holding of elections and referenda should be coded as 2012. General aspects of Swedish democracy as 2000.*

*Regional governance including referenda as 2000.*

**207: Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, and abortion rights**

Violation of the freedom of speech, the freedom of assembly and the right to demonstrate, freedom of association, general questions on religion and other religious communities other than the Swedish National Church, areas reserved for Muslim burial places, the right of members of other religious communities to be buried at Swedish cemeteries, abortion rights.

*Questions on medical and ethical aspects of abortion should be coded*

*as the relevant 300-subtopic. Questions on the administration of the Swedish National Church*

*should be coded as 210*.

**208: Right to privacy, right to information and government acts**

Right to privacy and protection of personal data (PuL), the civil registry number system, the nature of data registered in the Swedish criminal register, ’Datainspektionen’, the protection against the transfer of data from national authorities to the Schengen Information System (SIS) register, video monitoring of public space, disclosure and confidentiality standards for government information, the Swedish principle of public access to official documents (offentlighetsprincipen).

*Questions on the regulation of the intelligence service (FRA)*

*should be coded as 1603*

**209: Government restrictions and anti-government activities (NB does not include terrorism)**

Swedish citizens working for foreign intelligence services including STASI, instructions from the former USSR countries to Swedish citizens and organizations, World War II collaborators and communist infiltration, registration of legal political activities in Sweden, including communist and fascist groups.

*Military intelligence including SÄPO and espionage issues including*

*Soviet military activity in Sweden should be coded as 1603*.

**210: The Swedish National Church (207)**

Organization of the church, administration of parishes and dioceses and its personnel, the financial position of the church, cemeteries/burial grounds, church councils and the relevant ministry including questions on church tax, statistics of membership, dissolution of churches and church districts, economic aid from the church to people in need in Sweden.

*International aid from the The Swedish National Church should normally be coded as 1901*.

**299: Other**

ID-cards schemes, the issuing of ID-cards

**3. General health**

**300. General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

General questions on the Government’s health policy, development in the health care expenditure, citizens’ use of the health care system, priorities within the health care system, the EU’s influence on the Swedish health care system, the relevant Ministries including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of tax and duties within the relevant Ministers’ areas of responsibility.

*Questions on health consequences of specific substances should be coded as the relevant subtopics, such as 704 (toxic chemicals), 705 (air pollution), 1706 (cellular telephones) and 501 (working environment)*.

**301: Comprehensive healthcare reform**

Substantial changes in the national healthcare policy, such as general issues of expansion, de/centralization, nationalization and privatization of the whole healthcare system or large segments thereof, the introduction of private and semi-private suppliers etc.

*NB Only very extensive reforms should be coded into 301.*

**302: Insurance reform, availability, and costs**

Coverage of the public Health Insurance Scheme (sjukförsäkringen) including during stays abroad, choice and extended choice between healthcare providers, the regulation of private and semi-private suppliers of healthcare and the relationship between these and public/tax funded healthcare. General questions on appointments with GPs (husläkare), referrals to specialists, general questions on user fees in the health care system, treatment abroad of cancer patients, general issues of availability of adequate health care, issues on whether or not artificial insemination should be offered to single women or lesbian couples.

*Questions on queues and waiting lists should be coded as 322*.

**321: Regulation of the drug industry, medical devices, and clinical labs**

Approvals and introduction of drugs by the National Board of Health and Welfare (Socialstyrelsen), regulation of the drug industry including questions on clinical testing of drugs and treatments, invitations to submit tenders for medicine, approval of copy drugs including any side-effect/adverse effect of copy drugs, evaluation of testing of new treatments, certificate for carrying drugs abroad, fees for issuing certificates, over-the-counter access to prescription drugs.

*321 includes the approval and general regulation of treatments, whereas the diagnosing*

*and treatment of specific diseases should be coded as 331*

**322: Facilities construction, regulation, and payments (includes waiting lists and ambulance service)**

Questions on hospitals including buildings, internal organisations, regulation of working procedures, hygiene and any differences in efficiency between private and public hospitals as well as specific questions on for example empty beds, surgical capacity, lack of beds and other services and its consequences, implementation of electronic medical records, county hospital administration including the composition of hospital boards, questions on ambulance service and casualty ward.

*Questions on hospital staff should be coded as 325.*

**323: Provider and insurer payments and regulation (includes other or multiple benefits)**

Agreements between the public Health Insurance Scheme (sjukförsäkringen) and general practitioners, specialists, physiotherapists, dentists, extension of the emergency service, coverage ratio, level of service, reimbursement to private hospitals per treated patient.

*Questions on hospital staff such as hospital physicians should be coded as 325.*

**324: Medical liability, fraud, abuse, and patient redress**

Medical negligence giving rise to liability including surgical mistakes and medication errors, patient complaints, patient redress and compensation, reforms in the legislation on patient’s rights (patientlagen).

*Questions on general absence of medical expert opinion and professional medical conduct should be coded as 325 as this is a matter of medical personnel.*

**325: Health manpower and training**

Questions on public health manpower including collective bargaining conditions for health manpower, quality and expertise of medical staff, promise of secrecy, questions on the need, education and training of health manpower.

*Questions on medical negligence should be coded as 324*.

**331: Disease prevention, treatment, and health promotion**

Vaccinations, screenings including mammography and pap tests, questions on educational campaigns on oral health, STDs, healthy food campaigns, establishment of HIV register.

**332: Infants, children, and maternity medical services**

Children’s health, development in children’s diseases, child dental care, vaccination programmes for children, MVC and BVC facilities, questions on child birth, including delivery wards, c-section rates, breastfeeding, health care in schools (primary and secondary schools).

*Availability of maternity services such as lack of beds and staff at delivery wards*

*should be coded as 322.*

*Violence against children should be coded as 1207, children’s mental problems (including video game addiction) should be coded as 333, approval and introduction of new medical treatments of*

*children as 321.*

*Abortion rights should be coded as 207. Artificial insemination should be coded as 302.*

*Childcare and parental leave should be coded as 1308.*

**333: Mental health and mental retardation**

Questions on expenditure on treatment of the mentally ill, the range of treatments, development in the number of Swedish citizens with mental illnesses, children in psychiatric hospitals, behavioural addictions i.e. non-substance addictions such as video game addictions.

*General questions on psychiatric hospitals should be coded as 322.*

*Range of mental health centres for the mentally disordered should be coded as 1304*.

**334: Long-term care, home health, terminally ill, and rehabilitation services**

Treatments for the terminally ill, medicating at nursing homes, patient rehabilitation including prices, visiting nurse service, home care of family members, home care of the dying, hospices.

*General elderly issues should be coded as 1303.*

*Elderly and handicapped housing issues should be coded as 1408*.

*Assistance to the handicapped and disabled as 1304, age discrimination as 204, and handicap discrimination as 205.*

**335: Prescription drug coverage and costs**

Development in public drug coverage, new methods of establishing drug coverage rates, drugs in the EU that are subject to VAT compared to the Scandinavian countries.

*Questions on drug regulation should be coded as 321*.

**341: Tobacco abuse, treatment, and education**

Tobacco abuse including the unhealthy effects of smoking and snus, impact of passive smoking, treatment of smoking-related illness, smoking prevention education, research on tobacco consumption, rules on tobacco advertising, disclaimers/warning text on cigarettes and snus packaging.

**342: Drug and Alcohol or Substance Abuse Treatment**

Alcohol consumption including the unhealthy effects, the development in the consumption of alcohol, treatment of alcohol-related illness, education campaign on the unhealthy effects of alcohol, rules on alcohol advertising, disclaimers/warning text on wine bottles etc.

*Questions on drunk driving should be coded as 1002.*

**398: Health research and development**

Ethical and psychological aspects of health care such as that of abortion and insemination, rules on medical experiments, the amount of money earmarked for research within health care, development in research results within health care, biomedical research, research in obesity, experiments with inseminated eggs, research standard in Sweden compared to other countries, lack of research within relevant health care areas, research on abortion.

*Clinical testing of drugs and treatments should be coded as 321.*

**399: Other**

Questions on health not included in one of the categories listed above.

**4. Agriculture**

**400: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Questions on employment within agriculture, economic conditions in agriculture, the government’s agricultural policy, initiatives to simplify regulation of agriculture, the Ministry of Agriculture/Rural affairs, including budgets, administration, priorities and extent of tax and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility.

*Questions exclusively on the fishing industry and fisheries should be coded as 408*.

*Questions on environmental issues related to agriculture should be coded in relevant 700-category.*

**401: Agricultural trade**

Agricultural exports and imports, the share of agricultural exports of Sweden’s overall exports, development in and regulation of EU export subsidies, monitoring and inspection of foreign agricultural imports, import embargo of foreign agricultural imports.

*Questions on exports and imports in general should be coded as 1803 and 1807, respectively*.

**402: Government subsidies to farmers**

Swedish and EU subsidy schemes including set-aside programmes, emergency service, aid for drought-stricken or flooded agricultural lands, agricultural regulation such as that on the use of farm land, tax conditions in agriculture, regulation on insurance against failure of crops.

**403: Food inspection and safety (includes seafood inspection and safety)**

Food safety and quality including fish/seafood, regulation on additives, toxins, medical residues, pesticide residues, content of hormones and bacteria in food, storage, packing and transport of food, sanitary conditions in food shops, GMO in food, regulation of organic food, salmonella in food, sanitary conditions in slaughterhouses.

*Questions on animal and crop diseases such as salmonella infested poultry should be coded as 405.*

*BUT, questions on for example salmonella inspection of eggs*

*for consumption should be coded as 403*.

**404: Agricultural marketing and promotion**

Promotion of specific foods such as advertising campaigns financed by the government or food industry, the agricultural industry’s promotion of the industry as an eco-friendly industry with an environmentally sound profile.

*Questions on research in agricultural products should be coded as 498*.

**405: Animal and crop diseases, animal welfare, and pest control**

Welfare of wild and domestic animals including pets, regulation on bestiality, animal diseases and disease control of for instance salmonella, foot-and-mouth disease, mad cow disease (BSE), effects of meat, bone meal and antibiotics in feedstuff, rabies and related danger of infection, tail biting and docking of tails in pigs.

*Food policy including control of salmonella infested eggs should be coded as 403 whereas salmonella infested poultry farms should be coded as 405*.

*All issues related to reindeer farming should be coded as 2102.*

**408: Fisheries and fishing**

The fishing industry and fish including the regulation of fishing quotas, restrictions on fishing in neighbouring waters, number of fishing days, freeze of fishing, different types of fishing, fishing license, catch records, compensation to fishermen due to loss of earnings, questions on the population of specific species.

*Food control should be coded as 403.*

*Maritime issues such as the merchant shipping legislation should be coded as 1007.*

*Harbour issues should be coded as 2104*.

**498: Agricultural research and development**

Development of genetically modified crops including international research on such crops of relevance to Swedish agriculture, research project on reduction of gaseous ammonia from stables.

*Questions on research concerning agricultural promotion should be coded as 404*.

**499: Other**

Questions on agriculture, food and fisheries not included in one of the categories listed above fo instance ecological farming.

**5. General labour and employment**

**500: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Labour market and employment development, the government’s employment programmes (e.g. ’arbetslinjen’), general discussions on new jobs, new forms of employment and workforce, projections for employment and the work force (sysselsättning), the Ministry of Employment including budgets, administration, priorities within the Minister’s area of responsibility.

*General mentions of unemployment and un/employment statistics should be coded as 103*.

*General employer contributions (arbetsgivaravgifter) should be coded as 503*

**501: Worker safety and protection**

Working environment safety and development, occupational injuries, code of practice on working environment in specific job sectors, securing of Swedish working environment requirements against foreign companies, specific examples of unhealthy working environment, occurrence of chemical substances in the working environment and questions on work-related injury trends, work-related injury and work-related disorder/occupational disease claims, potential work-related injury compensation.

*Questions on the working environment in the military service should be coded as 1608*.

*Discrimination and violence at the workplace should be coded as the relevant 200-code.*

**502: Employment training, employment counselling, and workforce development**

Developments in the workforce, skills of national workforce, skills needed and lacking in the workforce, employment counselling and job training via ’Arbetsförmedlingen’ (AMS), re-introduction of the unemployed into employment, questions on agreement on job creation within the service industry, long-term effect of activity offer efforts, activity offers to unemployed at 60 or older, wage level during job training, questions on retraining.

*Labour market questions on trade unions should be coded as 504.*

*Adult education such as Life Long Learning and Komvux should be coded as 699.*

**503: Employee benefits (includes employee pensions contributions)**

Terms of employment, employee contributions (arbetsgivaravgifter), employee benefits including personal/private pension schemes, pension/retirement age, company car and other benefits, travel subsistence, tax rules on employee benefits.

*NB 503 only regards* benefits*! Employee* compensations *such as unemployment and early retirement compensation should be coded as 507.*

*Maternity and paternity leave including payments should be coded as 1308.*

*Ordinary pension related issues should be coded as 1303.*

*Employee health insurance (i.e. företagsvård) should be coded as 302*.

**504: Employee relations and labour unions**

Trade unions, collective bargaining system (kollektivavtal), the Lex Laval case, right to strike, boycott of workplace.

*Trade union contributions to political parties should be coded as 2012.*

*Employee funds should be coded as 599.*

**505: Fair labour standards and labour law**

Specific salary/wage issues and employment issues such as minimum wage, length of working week/day, overtime rules, regulation on night shift work.

*Equal pay issues should be coded as 202.*

**506: Youth employment and child labour**

Youth employment and youth employment programmes including ’sommarjobb’, wage subsidy to employers hiring youth, child labour including minimum age limit for child labour.

*Questions on youth unemployment should be coded as 103.*

**507: Employee compensation including unemployment and early retirement (503)**

Unemployment compensation regulation, sickness compensation, early retirement pension, development in the unemployment compensation rate, unemployment insurance (A-kassan), rules on how to qualify for sickness compensation, rules on early retirement pension recipients’ unpaid work, employers’ misuse of unemployment compensation.

*NB: Code 507 shoud be used for most employee compensations, whereas employee*

*benefits should be coded as 503.*

*Questions on parental leave and payments should be coded as 1308.*

*Government pension benefits should be coded as 1303.*

**529: Migrant and seasonal workers**

Seasonal and migrant workers’ (e.g. ’bärplockare’), rights of migrant workers, social and economic situation of migrant workers, migrant workers’ effect on the domestic labour force, highly-skilled immigrants and evaluation of immigrants’ skills, work permits, annual limit on the number of non-EU economic migrants admitted into Sweden to work, control of economic migration.

*The integration of migrant workers should be coded as 900.*

*Immigrant street beggars should be coded as 1302.*

**599: Other**

Domestic work (paid and unpaid), regulation of domestic labour services, employee funds (löntagarfonder), employment and labour force situation in certain regions or cities as well as cohorts of the population including 65+, the possibility for employees to take a gap year (friår).

**6. General education**

**600: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s educational policy, general structure of education, the Ministry of Education including budgeting, administration, priorities and extent of tax and duties under the Minister’s area of responsibility, questions on reports from The Swedish National Agency for Education.

**601: Higher education (including doctoral research)**

All issues regarding higher education including doctoral research, educational structure, educational quality assurance, admission rules, drop-out rates, screening examinations, freshman introductions, composition of university boards, powers of the university rectors, the national grant and loan scheme, rules on (rights to receive) funding from the National Board of Student Aid (CSN) including rules on repayment of loans, questions on residence halls, foreign university students.

*Questions exclusively on research should be coded as 1798 or other relevant 17-subtopic.*

*Housing for higher education students that is not residence halls should be coded as 1401.*

**602: The Swedish municipal primary (’grundskolan’), lower secondary school (’högstadiet’) and general and vocational upper secondary education (‘gymnasiet’), including free schools (friskolor)**

The municipal primary school, lower secondary schools, and upper secondary schools, including regulation of free schools (friskolor). Number of children/pupils per class, pupil-teacher ratio, subject composition, examination/grade rules, trend in use of supply teachers, number of school districts, school closings, admission requirements and quality of general upper secondary education, transition from school to work. National boarding schools (Lundsberg, Grennaskolan, Sigtuna Läroverk etc.), all dealings of the School Inspection (Skolinspektionen).

*Childcare centres (förskolan) should be coded as 1308.*

*Health care in school (skolsyster) as 332, sports in school as 1526.*

*Bullying and discrimination in school as 200, special needs in school as 606.*

*The Swedish school of music and arts (Kulturskolan) as 2303, and after-school care*

*arrangement (fritidshem) as 1308.*

**603: Education of underprivileged students**

Questions on supplemental teaching of students from underprivileged social groups including mother-tongue teaching and extra tuition.

*Questions on special needs education should be coded as 606.*

**604: Vocational education**

Vocational training programmes including ’KY’, trainee agreements, work experience as part of education, rules on quality in trainee education and training, pay of adult trainees, rules on the dismissal of trainees for example due to company downsizing.

*Further education and training issues of members in the workforce should be coded as 502*.

**606: Special education**

Special education for the disabled and handicapped in the municipal primary, lower and upper secondary school, resource allocation to the education of the deaf, blind, mute and persons with similar disabilities.

*Issues concerning supplementary education for underprivileged social groups*

*should be coded as 603*.

**607: Educational excellence**

Educational quality and standards and comparisons with other schools, universities, and countries, including national tests, PISA surveys and reports. Teacher excellence including related programmes (’lärarlyftet’, ’förstelärare’) initiatives for improving competency in schools in specific subjects such as IT, languages, math, science.

*Issues related to public libraries should be coded as 2301.*

**698: Educational research**

Funding for educational research.

**699: Other**

Life long learning, adult education including Komvux, adult literacy programmes, homework aid programmes (läxhjälp).

**7. General environment**

**700:** **General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

The government’s environmental policy, the state of the environment, questions on the Ministry of Environment including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility.

*International agreements on the environment and international issues*

*on the environment should be coded as 705.*

*International resources agreements, such as protection of wild life, should be coded as 1902*

**701: Drinking water safety, water supply, water pollution, and water conservation**

Drinking water supply, quality, and safety, water inspection, drinking water nitrate contents, ground water contamination, ground water levels.

*The marine and freshwater environment should be coded as 711.*

**703: Waste disposal**

Disposal of household waste and waste water sludge, sewage disposal plant, municipal waste water sector, sewerage problems, problems of waste disposal plant capacity, above- limit transport of waste, free choice of waste disposal supplier, taxes and duties on waste delivery.

*Questions on hazardous waste should be coded as 704, recycling as 707.*

**704: Hazardous waste and toxic chemical regulation, treatment and disposal**

Environmental problems associated with chemicals, ammonia, nuclear waste, cable scrap, toxic fumes, mercury, pesticides etc. including exports of environmentally harmful waste, discharge of mercury, development in pesticide use and the need for regulation/prohibition, taxes and duties on chemicals and pesticides etc., harmful chemicals in fabrics, household materials, toys etc.

**705: Air pollution, global warming, and noise pollution (including international agreements on the environment)**

The development in air pollution in Sweden and abroad, initiatives to fight air pollution, all questions on international agreements on the environment in which Sweden takes part such as the Kyoto agreement, CO2 tax, noise pollution development, rules of upper decibel levels in public spaces, greenhouse effect issues, depletion of the ozone layer, global warming and steps to reduce it.

*NB: All international agreements on the environment and climate*

*in which Sweden takes part should be coded as 705!*

*International resources agreements, such as protection of wild life, should be coded as 1902.*

**707: Recycling**

The development in recycling, costs, the extent of savings related to recycling, need for and promotion of recycling.

**708: Indoor environmental hazards**

Unhealthy indoor climate, asbestos, lead and radon.

*Questions on indoor climate at the workplace should be coded as 501*.

**709: Species and plant life protection**

Endangered species protection e.g. wolves and eagles, regulation of wolf population including the habitat directive, licence hunting of wolves, protection of private woodland including the national forest programme, development in the number of road kills, compliance with the UN Convention on Biodiversity, anti-poaching measures, questions on hunting and game licences protection of livestock species, control of illegal trade in animals and plants.

*Questions on animal welfare should be coded as 406, and questions*

*on state-owned forests as 2103*.

**711: Land and water conservation (including marine environment)**

General condition of marine and freshwater environment including streams, lakes, watercourses and soil, lake remediation, lake de-oxygenation, classification of polluted soil, water supply excluding drinking water issues, meadow pollution. Environmental aspects of the marine environment including the consequences of oil spills.

*Ground and drinking water should be coded as 701.*

*Preservation and management of natural resources should be coded as 2101,*

*protection of species and plants as 709.*

**798: Environmental research and development**

Environmental statistics, environmental research and developments, climate change research etc.

*General mentions of ”green technology”, biotechnology etc. should be coded as 1799*

**799: Other**

Other environmental issues such as the forecasting of future environmental problems.

**8. Energy**

**800: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

The government’s energy policy, administration and priorities, the extent of taxes and duties within the minister’s area of responsibility, general issues on power stations.

**801: Nuclear energy (including the mining of uranium)**

Nuclear energy including the use and regulation of nuclear power, the IAEA, uranium mining, power plants, issues of safety, e.g. questions on nuclear disasters (Chernobyl), nuclear preparedness, evacuation plans for nuclear accidents.

*General questions on nuclear waste should be coded as 704.*

**802: Electricity and hydroelectricity**

Questions on power supply organisation including questions on development in power consumption, transmission tariffs, regional power companies e.g. Göteborg Energi, state-owned power companies e.g. Vattenfall.

*Questions on specific energy sources should be coded into the respective subtopics. Questions on energy conservation should be coded as 807*.

**803: Natural gas and oil (including the drilling for gas and oil)**

Questions on oil and natural gas including questions on the development in consumption, oil and gas prices, gas stations including the availability of gas stations, short- and long-term supply of oil and gas, drilling after natural gas.

*Questions on oil pollution and oil contamination of land and water should be coded as 711*.

**805: Coal (including the mining of coal)**

Coal as an energy source including environmental impact, coal deposits, clean coal-burning technology, coal mining, coal imports.

**806: Alternative and renewable energy**

Solar energy, wind turbine energy, hydropower, alternative fuels for cars.

*Questions on ’green vehicles’ should be coded as 1002.*

*Questions on energy conservation should be coded as 807*.

**807: Energy conservation**

Subsidies for energy-conserving initiatives in specific sectors within the public sector and private homes, such as low-energy bulbs, water-saving toilets, insulation.

*Questions on alternative and renewable energy should be coded as 806*.

**898: Research and development**

National energy research projects, research led by the Minister of Energy on optimum energy composition.

*Questions on specific energy sources should be coded into the respective subtopics*.

**899: Other**

Questions on energy not included in the categories listed above, energy prices, a common Nordic energy market.

**9. General immigration, integration, and refugee issues**

**900: General (includes combinations of multiple subtopics)**

General aspects of the immigration system, regulation of immigration, multiculturalism, immigration and economic growth, general immigration statistics.

*Questions on* *discrimination of ethnic minority groups in certain sectors, treatment of ethnic groups etc. should be coded as 201.*

*Immigrants’ labour and work should be coded as 529.*

*Foreign university students should be coded a 601.*

**930: Entry, stay, and integration of regular immigrants**

Integration of immigrants into society, pluralistic society, border controls, right to enter the country, legalization procedures for illegal/irregular immigrants, immigrants joining family member(s), administration of entry and stay of the immigrants (e.g. ‘Migrationsverket’), immigrants’ rights to welfare and education, language training to immigrants (e.g. ‘SFI’), immigrants sending money to their countries of origin.

*Immigrants’ labour and work should be coded as 529.*

*Immigrant street beggars should be coded as 1302.*

**931: Refugees and asylum seekers**

Right to asylum (Geneva Convention on Human rights), political asylum, comprehensive asylum system, reform of the asylum system, sanctuary to refugees and asylum seekers, applications for asylum, judicial appeals, undecided refugees cases, application procedures and process of these, non-accompanied children seeking asylum (‘ensamkommande flyktingbarn’), social and health benefits to asylum seekers.

**932: Nationality acquisition and citizenship**

Immigration and nationality policy, visas, citizenship and its responsibilities and rights, citizenship ceremonies.

*Questions on* *discrimination of ethnic minority groups in certain sectors,*

*treatment of ethnic groups etc. should be coded as 201*

**933: Expulsions and illegal/irregular immigration**

Expulsion of immigrants convicted of criminal offences, deportation efforts on criminals, people smugglers, exploitation, control of unscrupulous immigration advisors.

**999: Others**

Funding for translation services, need and quality of interpreters and interpretation generally in dealing with immigration issues.

**10. General transportation**

**1000: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Questions on the government’s transportation policy, questions on the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure including budgets, administration, priorities and extent of taxes and duties within the minister’s area of responsibility.

*Questions on traffic-related investments and overall planning should be coded as 1010*.

**1001: Mass and public transportation and safety**

Questions on public transport including bus and tram transport such as economic development issues related to bus transport in specific regions, development in number of bus passengers, public transport system in Stockholm (SL) and Gothenburg (Västtrafik) etc., bus and coach shelters, tram ways, Stockholm Metro trains.

**1002: Road construction, maintenance, and safety (including motor vehicles)**

Road system maintenance, motorway construction. All motor vehicles and related issues such as the use of seat belts, mandatory car inspections (AB Svensk Bilprovning), car registration, taxes and duties, scrapping of cars, the promotion of ’green vehicles’ and different incentives for these. Drunk driving. Congestion fares, bridge toll and parking charge rates, traffic control devices, speed restrictions, traffic accident statistics including ’zero-accidents-vision’, cycle track planning/construction, road sign posting, bridge and tunnel construction.

*Air pollution related to cars should be coded as 705.*

*Alternative fuels for cars should be coded as 806.*

*Questions on gas/service stations should be coded as 803.*

*Questions on public construction and transport facilities appropriations*

*should be coded as 1010*.

**1003: Airports, airlines, air traffic control, and safety**

Questions on Swedish airports including rules construction and maintenance, safety, tax free shopping and airport taxes, questions on the Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) including internal corporate organisation, general questions on air traffic including flying rules, aviation safety, delays etc.

*Questions on public construction and transport facilities appropriations as 1010*.

**1005: Railroad transportation and safety**

Questions on the Swedish State Railways (SJ), SJ’s railway operations including questions on the development in number of passengers, conveyance of goods, the closure of railway sections, SJ’s financial position, SJ’s train service standards, delays and compensation, fares.

*Questions on public works and transport facilities appropriations should be coded as 1010, and electric railways and the Stockholm Metro trains as 1001.*

**1007: Maritime issues**

Merchant shipping legislation, the international ship’s register, taxation of seamen, navigational and local warnings service, compulsory pilotage in Swedish waters, rescue helicopters, losses and shipwrecks including the shipwreck of MS Estonia and investigations into the events that followed it, ferry services in Sweden to the islands and to Denmark.

*Questions on the fishing industry should be coded as 408, questions on the shipbuilding industry as 1008, harbour issues as 2104.*

**1010: Public works (infrastructure development)**

General and financial aspects of the establishment/construction of public works such as questions on the financing of bridges or motorways and related economic and occupational consequences.

*Questions not related specifically to financing but to, for example, road system maintenance and bridge construction should be coded as 1002,*

*airport expansions as 1003 and railway system issues as 1004*.

**1098: Research and development**

Research and development within traffic and transport e.g. research on road surfaces, development of new devices to reduce motor- way-related nuisance, development of noise-reducing asphalt etc.

**1099: Other**

Traffic issues not included in the categories listed above.

**12. General law, crime, and family issues**

**1200: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

The government’s policy on law and crime matters. Questions on the Ministry of Justice including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility.

**1201: Authorities dealing with law, crime, and safety (executive agencies, police, fire and weapons control)**

The Police Force including customs and passport control, the fire service, weapons control including weapons amnesty. The Public Prosecutor, the EUROPOL and ICPO-INTERPOL. Questions on rules of private security forces, regulation of security companies.

*Questions on the court system should be coded as 1204.*

**1202: White-collar crime and organised crime**

Financial crime including asset stripping cases, fraud, embezzlement, criminal syndicates, (illegal) tax evasion and tax havens, black market and money (’svartjobb’), insider trading, illegal speculation, illegal shareholder loans, forgery/counterfeiting, money laundering, general issues of corruption, the black market.

*Questions on the consequences of tax evasion including tax havens should be coded as 107*

**1203: Illegal drug production, drug control, and trafficking in drugs**

The development in drug-related crime including the development in drug smuggling to Sweden, consequences of the Schengen co-operation for the range of drug-related crime, drug trafficking, appearance of cannabis clubs in cities and towns, distribution of drugs in night clubs.

*Drug issues not related to crime should be coded as 343*.

**1204: Court administration**

Organization of the courts system, power of the courts, judicalisation, burden/standard of evidence, court processing time, procedures and computer systems, bail guidelines, the role of the courts as part of the tripartition of power.

*Criminal code questions should be coded as 1210, and questions on conditional release*

*should be coded as 1205*.

**1205: Prisons and non-custodial treatment**

Management and organization of prisons, prisoners’ rights, safety in prisons, prisoners in solitary confinement, conditional release, prison officer safety, prison crime, non-custodial treatment.

**1206: Juvenile crime and the juvenile justice system**

The development in juvenile crime, initiatives to reduce juvenile crime, institutions for juvenile offenders, the need to keep juvenile offenders apart from adult offenders.

**1207: Child abuse, child pornography, and trafficking in children**

Violence against children, missing children, child molesters, sexual abuse of children in, for instance, day care centres, protection of children and youth against pornography, trafficking in children and young girls.

**1208: Family issues (includes family law and domestic abuse)**

Deaths, births, marriages, divorce, family law, inheritance legislation, shared custody, adoption, homes for children, prevention of loneliness and other social problems among teenagers. Domestic violence including women’s shelters/centres, honour killings, incest, parental kidnapping of children, forcible removals.

*Questions on violence against children or abuse of children should be coded as 1207.*

*Childcare issues should be coded as 1308.*

*Questions on inheritance tax should be coded as 107.*

**1210: Criminal and civil code (includes specific crimes not mentioned elsewhere)**

Specific crimes, capital punishment, questions on the criminal and civil code including questions on sentencing, revision of the duration of specific sentences, sentencing reforms related to rape, post-EC membership standardisation of criminal law.

*Questions on conditional release should be coded as 1205, and questions on the court system in general should be coded as 1204.*

*Violations against animals should be coded as 709.*

**1211: Riots and crime prevention**

Urban riots and civil disurbances, preventive programmes on specific crimes, such as pick-pocketing, burglary and handling of stolen goods, anti-social behaviour.

*Prevention of drunk-driving issues should be coded as 1002*.

**1227: Police and other general domestic security responses to terrorism (e.g. Special police)**

Police responses to terrorism such as hightened security checks at airports, surveillance and tapping of suspected groups.

*International acts of terrorism and international responses should be coded as 1927.*

*Domestic acts of terrorism and domestic military responses should be coded as 1615.*

 *SÄPO and FRA activities generally should be coded as 1603.*

**1230: Prostitution and human trafficking (1210)**

Prostitution of women and men, legislation on prostitution, trafficking in women and girls, sexual exploitation, strategies for the protection of victims, strategies for bringing traffickers and buyers to justice, national and international anti-trafficking programmes.

*Trafficking in children and young girls should be coded as 1207*.

**1299: Other**

Questions on legal affairs not included in the categories listed above.

**13. General social policy**

**1300: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

The government’s social policy, the Ministry of Social Affairs including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the ministers’ area of responsibility, general questions on subventions and benefits, questions for the social welfare offices (Socialkontor), benefit fraud.

*Questions on the standard of living should be coded as 100.*

*Anti-poverty measures should be coded as 1302.*

**1302: Poverty and assistance for low-income families (including street beggars)**

The government’s anti-poverty policy, including poverty among children, economic aid (ekonomiskt bistånd/socialbidrag) to persons living under a certain level of income (förbehållsbelopp). Issues related to street begging, regardless of whether or not the begger is an immigrant/aslym seeker.

**1303: Elderly issues and elderly assistance programs (includes government pensions)**

Questions on the National Pension Scheme, domestic help, nursing homes, widow(er)’s pension, specific programmes for the elderly such as concessionary fare pass scheme, discounts on public services, expenditure on all present and future age-related benefits, standardisation of national pension schemes in the EU, the right of national pension recipients in other EU countries to move to Sweden.

*Questions on housing for the elderly should be coded as 1408.*

*Questions on medical treatment in nursing homes should be coded as 334.*

*Questions on age discrimination should be coded as 204.*

**1304: Assistance to the disabled and handicapped**

Welfare benefits for the disabled or mentally ill, residential living programs for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled, revision of aid to handicapped, technologies for assisting disabled persons, welfare benefits for persons with long-term illnesses or disabilities, needs of the elderly blind,

rehabilitation assistance for disabled, independent living, programs for the handicapped, support for the mentally ill and retarded, aid to physically handicapped.

*Questions on the establishment of residences for the handicapped should be coded as 1408. Questions on financial grants to aid for the handicapped, such as wheel chairs or hearing aids, should be coded as 336*.

**1305: Social services and volunteer associations**

Community help, domestic volunteer service programs, youth volunteer programs such as cubs and boy scouts. Issues regarding the activities of volunter associations such as the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, Erikshjälpen, etc.

*Questions on sports such as public sports fields and facilities, swimming pools, and sports clubs including the Swedish Outdoor Association should be coded as 1526.*

**1308:** **Parental leave and child care (including child care centres and child care allowance)**

Maternity and paternity rights, parental leave and parental leave payments, child care needs of working parents, all types of child care units such as crèche, nurseries, day care centres (allmän och privat förskola), workplace childcare, affordability of insurance for day care centres (maxtaxa), child care allowance (vårdnadsbidraget), universal child benefit (allmänna barnbidraget), after schools recreation.

*Child and maternity health care should be coded as 332.*

**1399: Other**

Questions on social policy not included in any of the categories listed above

**14. General community development and housing issues**

**1400: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s housing policy, dealings of Minister of Housing or equivalent.

*Questions on the impact of business in regions and cities should be coded as 1500.*

**1401: Housing and regional/community development (includes private homes ownership and regional development)**

Community and regional planning, community and regional development, differences between regions. Need and supply of housing, including housing shortages, housing development programmes, town planning, housing renewal programmes, housing for young people, student housing apart from halls of residence, repairs and improvements of housing complexes.

*Questions related to administrative de/centralisation should be coded as 2001, to urban economic development as 1403, to rural economic development should be coded as 1405.*

*Questions on maintenance of historic sites and buildings should be coded as 2101.*

**1403: Urban economic development and general urban issues (does not include capital city affairs)**

Urban planning and development, regeneration of cities, questions on the financial situation of cities, urban unemployment and other socio-economic problems in urban areas such as social-segregation.

*Questions on city transportation should be coded as relevant 100-category.*

*Questions on the homeless should be coded as 1409.*

**1404: Rural housing and farm housing assistance programs**

Agricultural real estate loans including special mortgage terms for drought-stricken farmers.

*Questions on rural economic development should be coded as 1405.*

**1405: Rural economic development and general rural issues**

Rural regions, rural community development, rural socio-economic situation, countryside development, leisure and recreation in the countryside, investments in rural areas, unemployment in rural areas, strengthening of the electronic infrastructure and other services in rural areas.

**1406: Low- and middle-income housing programs and needs**

The social housing sector including questions on the development of the sector and the amount of public support allocated, development in housing allowance/benefit (bostadsstöd).

*Questions on housing for the youth and students should be coded as 1401.*

*Questions on housing for the elderly and unfirm should be coded as 1408.*

**1407: Veterans Housing Assistance and Military Housing Programs**

Housing to veterans and military services.

**1408: Elderly and handicapped housing**

Nursing homes, housing for the elderly, unfirm, and handicapped.

*General elderly issues should be coded as 1303.*

*Medical treatment at nursing homes should be coded as 334.*

*Aid for the handicapped should be coded as 1304. Age and handicap discrimination*

*should be coded as 204 and 205, respectively*.

**1409: Housing assistance for homeless and homeless issues**

The extent of homelessness in Sweden, the development in the number of homeless persons, questions on the rules of access to shelters and reception centres.

**1411: Housing market for home owners**

Questions on house prices, property tax, registration of property.

*Questions on the mortgage credit sector should be coded as 1504,*

*and compulsory sale issues should be coded as 1507.*

*Industrial and commercial building issues should be coded as 1400*.

**1499: Other**

Questions on urban and housing policy not included in the categories listed above, such as questions on cooperative housing, private rental market housing, subletting of flats etc. (not social housing), usury in rental market.

**15. General banking, finance, domestic commerce, and consumer issues**

**1500: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s industrial and commercial policy, government priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the ministers’ area of responsibility, general mentions/questions on the situation in specific industrial sectors for instance glasswork, steelwork, car manufacturing, fashion, design etc., promotion issues.

*Questions on large-scale industrial policy reforms, such as de/centralization of industry,*

 *domestic support schemes etc. should be coded as 108*.

**1501: Banking system and financial institution regulation**

Banks and their relations to the Swedish banks other than the Swedish Central Bank (‘Riksbanken’) bank supervision, rules of banking, bank failure, bank bailouts, mentions of specific banks, public ownership in banks such as Nordea and SBAB.

*Questions on the Swedish Central Bank should be coded as 104*.

**1502: Securities and commodities regulation**

The Stockholm Stock Exchange (OMX), international stock markets, real interest tax, share markets including the development in the Swedish share market, the Stockholm Stock Exchange’s OMX inspection of listed companies’ financial statements.

*Questions on foreign share markets should be coded as 1906*.

**1504: Consumer finance, mortgages, and credit cards**

The regulation of mortgage banks, the credit market including all issues on consumer credit such as regulation of the issuing of credit cards, unfair lending practices, SMS loans and other irresponsible credits, usuary laws, The Finance Inspektion’s (Finansinspektionen) listing and control of lenders, credit bans.

*Questions on bank supervision should be coded as 1501*.

**1505: Insurance regulation**

Regulation of the insurance industry, the introduction of compulsory insurance, rules on deductions for taking out insurance, car insurance, life insurance.

*Questions on personal employee benefits including insurance should be coded as 503*.

**1507: Bankruptcy**

The development in the number of compulsory sales, bankruptcies, right to debt restructuring, rules on instalment schemes, insolvency rules.

*Questions on bank failure should be coded as 1501*.

**1520: Corporate mergers, antitrust regulation, and corporate management issues**

Anti-trust legislation, anti-trust problems in specific sectors.

*Questions on general sector deregulation should be coded into the specific sector subtopics. Consequently, questions on deregulation of the power companies should be coded as 802, and questions on deregulation of telephone services should be coded as 1706, and so on.*

**1521: Small and medium-sized business issues**

The financial conditions of the small retailers, cutting red tape and other measures of deregulation directed at SMEs, access to capital for small businesses, deadline of VAT settlement for small and medium-sized companies, in general any question related to small and medium sized start-up businesses (nyföretagande), entreprenurship generally.

*Questions on employee benefits including the self-employed should be coded as 502.*

**1522: Copyrights and patents**

Activities of Patentverket, patent law, infringement of copyrights, intellectual property, software piracy, protection of research results, upholding of patents, questions on library book royalties.

**1523: Domestic disaster relief**

Aid for various disasters such as flooding, fire and drought, emergency planning, national flood insurance reform, disaster planning and relief operations, civil defence programs, disaster loans. Non-war related issues of the Swedish Civil Defence including the legitimacy, capability and expenses of the Swedish Civil Defence, Swedish Civil Defence and police and fire service collaboration.

*War-related questions should be coded as 1615.*

*Forest fires, droughts and floodings of public lands should be coded as 2103.*

**1524: Tourism**

The development in tourism in Sweden, general rules and entry rules for foreign tourists including tourist visa/short stay visa rules, questions on the travel sector.

*Questions on immigrants should be coded as the relevant 900-subcategory.*

*Questions on migrant and seasonal workers should be coded as 529.*

**1525: Consumer safety, consumer fraud, and advertisement**

Questions related to the Swedish Consumer Ombudsman (KO) and the Swedish Consumer Agency, development in consumer policy, consumer legislation, rights of consumers, marketing legislation, rules on door-to-door selling, advertisement and commercials in general, misleading product descriptions, misleading commercials, product misreprensetation, safety standards of products such as child car seats, toys and cosmetics.

*Questions on consumer credit should be coded as 1503.*

*Question on harmful chemicals in textiles, toys etc should be coded as 704.*

**1526: Sports and gambling regulation**

All issues related to sports, sporting events and sports persons, Swedish Outdoor Association (Friluftsfrämjandet), private and public sport grounds and venues, broadcasting of sporting events, spectator safety. Measures to tackle hooliganism and doping. Professional sporting including health and safety standards for boxers, public spending related to Swedish participation in the Olympic Games and other sporting events.

The business of gambling and betting, dealings of Svenska Spel, regulation on gambling including dealings of the Lottery Inspection.

*Sports in schools should be coded as 602, sports and wellness at the workplace (Friskvård) as 503,*

*Volunteer associations such as the scouts should be coded as 1305.*

*After-school recreation centres should be coded as 1308.*

**1599: Other**

Industrial and commercial policy not included in the categories listed above, such as general mentions/questions on the situation in specific private companies or businesses for instance Saab Scania, Orrefors, H&M, Volvo etc., licensing (fullständiga rättigheter), farm sales of alcohol.

**16. General defence**

**1600: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s defence policy, development in military spending, military spending related to the National Defence’s participation in international tasks as well as questions on the Ministry of Defence including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the minister’s area of responsibility.

**1602: Defence alliances and security assistance**

Priorities related to security policy, Swedish involvement and participation in NATO-led operations, questions of a possible NATO membership, questions on the organisation and legitimacy of NATO.

*Questions on Swedish freedom of alliance and military neutrality should be coded as 1628.*

**1603: Military intelligence and espionage**

National intelligence services including SÄPO and FRA, international intelligence services such as the CIA, KGB, Stasi and M15 including questions on the possibilities of infiltrating specific organisations, foreign intelligence services, foreign country espionage in Sweden, questions on tapping and encryption, Soviet activities in Sweden including submarines in Swedish waters.

*Questions on Swedish citizens working for foreign intelligence services, such as the CIA and KGB or questions on persons registered by SÄPO should be coded as 209*.

**1604: Military readiness, coordination of armed services air support and sealift capabilities, and national stockpiles of strategic material**

Increasing Swedish readiness in case of emergency including questions on increasing field army reserves and questions on storage of vital military equipment, testing of military readiness.

**1605: Arms control and nuclear non-proliferation**

International agreements on disarmament and arms proliferation/non-prolifeartion, bans on weapons of mass destruction.

*General questions on non-military small arms should be coded as 1201*.

**1606: Military aid and weapons sales to other countries**

Military assistance to other countries, the Swedish Government’s policy on arms sales to, for example, Middle East countries, sales of Jas-Gripen.

**1608: Manpower, militiary personnel and dependents (includes military courts and veterans’ issues)**

Military personnel working environment including questions on health conditions of servicemen, fatal accidents in the Swedish Armed Forces, medical examinations of servicemen to be sent out to help perform international tasks.

*Questions on gender-, sexual discrimination and bullying at the workplace*

*should be coded as 202.*

**1610: Military procurement and weapons system acquisitions and evaluations**

F16 aircraft procurement, prices on new acquisitions of weapons systems, evaluation of new acquisitions.

**1611: Military installations, constructions, and land transfers**

Capital and operating expenditures related to specific military installations, closing of barracks including related amounts saved, sale of closed barracks.

*Questions on the consequences of, for example, closing of barracks for civilian personnel*

*should be coded as 1616*.

**1612: The Swedish Home Defence**

Home Defence (’hemvärnet’) related expenditure, the legitimacy of the Home Defence, firearms in private homes of members of the Home Defence.

*Non-military questions on the Home Defence, such as domestic disaster relief,*

*should be coded as 1523*.

**1614: Military environmental compliace**

The environmental consequences of warfare and military readiness.

**1615: Civil defence (includes general military and other national security responses to terrorism and war)**

Questions on domestic response to terrorism and war, acts of domestic terrorism nationally such as the Stockholm bombings, national/domestic antiterrorist measures, Swedish government’s measures to tackle terrorism, questions on whether or not the Swedish Civil Defence can/should participate in military tasks.

*Police and Special Police responses to terrorism should be coded as 1227*

*Acts of international terrorism should be coded as 1927*

*All non-war related questions of to civil defence should be coded as 1523.*

**1616: Civilian personnel and civilian employment by the defence industry**

Agreements between the Swedish Armed Forces and the industry, development in the number of civilian jobs as a consequence of military issues, such as questions on the loss of civil jobs at barracks and within the arms industry.

**1617: Oversight of defence contracts and contractors**

Overcharging in military contracts including questions on compliance with rules on outsourcing and contracting in connection with new military contracts.

**1619: Direct war related issues**

Questions on Swedish military involvement in Iraq, Afghanistan etc.

*Questions on Swedish participation in NATO-led forces should be coded as 1602. Questions on freedom of alliance and military neutrality as 1628, UN peacekeeping forces should be coded as 1926 and civil war in Africa should be coded as 1921*.

**1620: Relief of claims against national military**

Claims against the Swedish Armed Forces by soldiers who became sick during military service, victims of discrimination or harassment.

**1628: Freedom of alliance, military neutrality (1699)**

Freedom of alliance in peace and neutrality in war, incompatibility of military neutrality and NATO membership, position of military neutrality in international co-operations including the EC/EU.

*Questions on Swedish participation in NATO-led operations should be coded as 1602.*

**1698: Research and development**

Research on new weapons systems.

**1699: Other**

Questions on defence policy not included in the categories listed above.

**17. General space, science, technology, and communications**

**1700: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s research policy and the relevant Ministres including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the minister’s area of responsibility.

*Questions on science and technology funding should be coded as 1798. Questions on intelligence services including FRA, SÄPO should be coded as 1603.*

**1701: Government use of space and space exploration agreements**

The European Space Agency, the Hubble space telescope, international space cooperation.

*Questions on commercial use of space should be coded as 1704*.

**1704: Commercial use of space (e.g. commercial satellites)**

Commercial use of space including further satellite launching in space, possibilities of travelling to the moon.

**1705: Science technology transfer and international scientific cooperation**

Cooperation between universities and the industrial and commercial sector, cooperation between Swedish and foreign scientists.

**1706: Telephone and telecommunication regulation (includes the infrastructure for high speed internet and other forms of telecommunications)**

Telecommunications related issues, including national availability of internet connections/ADSL, the infrastructure for ADSL and other forms of telecommunication, telephone companies including ’Televerket’, the sale of Televerket, sale of shares to foreign telephone companies, questions on the development of the number of cellular telephones in Sweden including questions on their impact on human health.

*Questions on disputes between telephone companies and*

*dissatisfied consumers should be coded as 1525*.

**1707: Media including newspaper, publishing, and broadcast industry regulation**

Television, radio, newspapers, films, DVDs, and CD-ROMs including questions on the definition of public service radio and television, rules on television commercials, regulation of the daily press. Media content from the industry perspective, illegal downloading of certain industries such as films and music.

*Questions on satellites should be coded as 1704.*

*The quality and cultural merits of media/public service should be coded as 2300.*

**1708: Weather forecasting, related issues, and oceanography**

Weather forecasting and weather changes in Sweden, geological changes, SMHI.

*Questions on weather satellites should be coded as 1704.* *Questions on the greenhouse effect, damage to the ozone layer and global warming should be coded as 705*.

**1709: Computer industry and computer security**

IT security, electronic crimes such as hacking, file sharing, spreading of virus, illegal downloading generally. Computer literacy, risks and prevention of electronic viruses, questions on specific domestic information technology projects.

*Illegal downloading of certain industries such as films and music should be coded as 1707.*

*Questions on public information technology procurements should be coded as 2007.*

*Questions on intellectual property should be coded as 1522.*

**1798: Research**

General research councils and funds (e.g. Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Vetenskapsrådet, Forte, Skytteanska samfundet, Nobelstiftelsen), state subsidies to research/research grants and semi-private research financiers (e.g. Vinnova), research stipends, awards and prizes (e.g. Skytteanska priset, Nobel priset), publication of results of research projects, research libraries.

**1799: Other**

Questions on research, technology or communication not included in the categories listed above, such as general mentions of ’green technology’, biotechnology etc., questions on why the development in Swedish technology does not result in more jobs.

**18. General foreign trade**

**1800: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s general policy related to foreign trade as well as the general EU trade policy, the ministry and Minister of Trade including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility.

*Weapons sales to other countries should be coded as 1606.*

*Questions on export promotion should be coded as 1803, whereas questions on competitiveness and the balance of payment should be coded as 1806.*

**1802: Trade negotiations, disputes, and agreements**

GATT, WTO, specific questions on the EFTA and the EEC/EES, the EU’s trade agreements with third countries including specific questions on, for example, whether South Korea meets the agreement on fair competition, the EC trade deficit with Japan.

*General questions on European economic integration should be coded as 1910.*

**1803: Export promotion, regulation, and export credits agencies**

Export promotion initiatives of the Swedish government, such as tax incentives, export regulation including restrictions on high technology exports.

*Questions on export subsidies on agricultural products should be coded as 401. Questions on regulations of imports should be coded as 1807, and questions on the balance of payment should be coded as 1806*.

**1804: Foreign investment in Sweden and Swedish company investment abroad**

Extent of specific countries’ investment in Sweden, the development in Swedish company investments abroad, sale of Swedish companies to foreign companies and Swedish acquisitions abroad, international trade fairs.

*Questions on regulation of exports should be coded as 1803, regulation on imports as 1807, and the balance of payment as 1806*.

**1806: Productivity and competitiveness of domestic business (includes balance of payments)**

Development in the Swedish pay level compared to that of its trading partners, the development in the balance of payment, Swedish competitiveness vis-á-vis other countries.

*Questions on the development in the national budget should be coded as 105, whereas general questions on the state of the Swedish economy should be coded as 100*.

**1807: Tariff and imports restrictions (includes import regulation)**

Development in Swedish imports, import regulation from non-EU countries, import restrictions of specific products including tax on imported cars, cross-border trade.

*Specific questions on EFTA and EEC/S should be coded as 1802,*

*whereas questions on European economic integration generally should be coded as 1910. Questions on export regulation should be coded as 1803,*

*whereas questions on the balance of payment should be coded as 1806*.

**1808: The Euro, exchange rates, and related issues**

Questions on the Euro and relationship with other currencies, any questions related to its constitutional aspects such as referenda, ERM, EMU, the development in the rate of the SEK including questions on the impact of the rate on the balance of payment, the strength of the Swedish krona compared with the US dollar and the Euro, questions on the EC monetary fund, exchange policy, Sweden’ external debt.

*Questions on the impact of Euro membership/non-membership on the*

*Swedish economy should be coded as 100.*

*Questions on European economic integration generally as 1910.*

**1899: Other**

Questions on foreign trade not included in the categories listed above.

**19. General international affairs, foreign aid, and the EU**

**1900: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Government’s foreign policy and the Ministry of Foreign affairs including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility, general questions on the promotion of democracy abroad as this touches upon several subtopics.

*Questions on international terrorism, piracy or hijacking should be coded as 1927.*

*Human rights issues, whether general or related to specific countries,*

*should be coded as 1925*.

**1901: Foreign aid and assistance**

The government’s development assistance policy in general and to specific countries, dealing of SIDA, extent of development assistance, promotion of economic development in specfic countries or groups of countries, international disaster relief, international poverty aid, all types of aid of domestic actors including the Church.

*General questions on developing countries should be coded as 1905.*

*Questions on international economic organisations giving aid should be coded as 1906. Questions on specific countries listed below should be coded in the relevant 1900-subtopic.*

**1902: International resources exploitation and resources agreements**

International Wildlife Coalitions (IWC) including possibilities of sanctioning and supervision of international agreements on nature, specific questions on quotas on whaling, possibilities of preventing the deforestation of the Amazonas.

*International agreements on the environment should be coded as 705,*

*questions on fisheries including quotas as 408.*

**1905: Developing countries issues (for financial issues see 1906)**

Developing countries’ problems with poverty, famine, drought, AIDS, health and illiteracy.

*Foreign aid to developing countries should be coded as 1901.*

*Questions on specific African regions/countries should be coded as 1921,*

*financial problems related to the developing countries as 1906*.

**1906: International finance and economic development**

Questions on the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and OECD, questions on the international financial markets, world economy.

*Questions on non-financial international organisations, such as the UN,*

*should be coded as 1926, agreements on the environment as 705*

*and questions on military organisations as 1602*.

**1910: Common market issues, the EU and its predecessors**

General and constitutional questions on the common market and the EC/EU, including EU institutions, the distribution of power between MS and the European level of governance, workings of the Councils, the Commission and the Parliament. All questions on treaties, membership referendums, expansion of the EU, such as the admission of ten new member states, questions on the Minister of European Affairs including budgets, priorities as well as the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility. Schemes of economic cooperation within the EC/EU such as EFTA and EEC.

*Questions on the EC/EU related to a specific policy should be coded into the relevant subtopic, for example, questions on the Euro should be coded as 1808, questions on the consequences of the Eurocrisis as 100, directives on the environment should be coded into the*

*relevant environmental 700-subtopic, and so on.*

**1913: Western Europe (1910)**

Questions on one or more countries in Western Europe apart from the Nordic countries, respectively, such as questions on French health expenditure, sufferage in Switzerland, the opinion of the German population on the Euro, and so on.

*Questions on Scandinavian, Nordic or Baltic Sea cooperation and relations*

*should be coded as 1931.*

**1921: Specific country/region (oncly includes cases not codable elsewhere)**

Mentions of specific countries or regions.

**1925: International human rights**

Questions on human rights issues in general and in specific countries including criticism of the human rights situation, condemnation of human rights abuses, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

*General questions on the promotion of democracy abroad should be coded as 1900*

**1926: International organisations other than finance (includes NGOs)**

Non-financial international organisations, such as International Labour Organization and International Red Cross, the UN, UN institutions, such as UNESCO and the ICJ, UN peacekeeping operations.

*Questions on international financial organisations should be coded as 1906, agreements on the environment as 705, questions on military organisations as 1602 and questions on the Schengen Agreement as 1929*.

**1927: International terrorism and hijacking (e.g. acts of piracy, terrorist incidents in foreign countries)**

Acts of terrorism internationally including Al-Qaeda attacks on the Twin Towers, Madrid and London bombings, risk for and threats of international terrorism, international antiterrorist measures, Swedish government’s measures to tackle terrorism *internationally*.

*Domestic responses to terrorism and terrorism threats should be coded as 1227 or 1615,*

*depending on the response being judicial or military.*

**1929: Diplomats, Embassies, Citizens Abroad, Foreign Diplomats in country, Passports**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ management of Swedish diplomats, expenditure to run the Swedish embassies, Swedish citizens abroad, foreign embassies in Sweden, the Schengen Agreement including related passport issues, passport and the issuing of passports, the Nordic Passport Union.

*Taxation of citizens residing abroad should be coded as 107.*

*Questions on espionage should be coded as 1603,*

*and questions on customs services and passport control by the police as 1201*.

**1931: Nordic, Scandinavian and Baltic Sea regions (1910)**

Cooperation between countries in the Scandinavian and Nordic regions, Nordic Council and Nordic Council of Ministers, other matters with regional relationshis, general cooperation and exchange with countries around the Baltic Sea.

*Questions on international climate and environmental agreements should be coded as 705 or 1902.*

*The Nordic passport union should be coded as 1929.*

**1999: Other**

Questions on foreign policy and conditions of other countries not included in the categories listed above, such as questions on the number of countries which have entered bilateral agreements with Sweden on social security.

**20. General government operations**

**2000: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

The Prime Minister’s Office including budgets, administration, priorities as well as the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s area of responsibility, questions on user influence in the public sector, fees, taxes and duties in the public sector, number of public employees.

**2001: Intergovernmental relations (includes relations between state, municipalities and counties/regions and questions on de/centralisation)**

The interaction between the state, municipalities and counties/regions, de/centralisation of state admin, such as the division of competences between state and local administrative levels, the principle of subsidiarity, state and municipal share of expenditure on rehabilitation, questions on regional authorities in general.

*Questions specifically related to regional economic development and*

*general regional issues should be coded as 1407*

**2002: Government efficiency and bureaucratic oversight**

The National Auditors, improvement programmes, inefficient government operations. Questions on specific areas should be coded into the relevant subtopics. For example, questions on the inefficiency of the Tax Administration in relation to the administration of a tax case should be coded as 2009, whereas medical negligence giving rise to liability should be coded as 324.

*Questions on relations between the Parliament and specific ministers*

*should be coded as 2011*.

**2003: Postal services issues (includes mail fraud)**

Questions on the postal service and post delivery including postal workers, questions on the restructuring of the postal service, closing of post offices, increase in postal rates, privatisation of specific operations or services of ’Posten’, stamps.

**2004: Government Employee Benefits, Civil Service Issues**

Questions on public employees including public servants employed by the state and pension schemes, their collective agreements, pay of public officials, questions on staff policy in large public companies, such as the Statens Järnvägar (“SJ”).

*Questions on health manpower should be coded as 325, military personnel as 1608*

*and questions on postal workers as 2003*.

**2005: Nominations and appointments**

Nominations and appointments including the appointment of managers in the public sector and appointments of board members of public institutions etc.

**2006: Currency, medals, and orders, the mint**

Orders, questions on new coins and notes as well as issuance of commemorative coins, the mint.

*Questions on military orders and medals should be coded as 1699*.

**2007: Government procurement, procurement fraud, and contractor management**

Government procurement, oversight of government procurement, rules on entering an agreement including rules of public contracts, ethical and ecological issues.

*Questions on public contracts in specific areas such as elderly issues should be coded as 1303. Questions on military procurement should be coded as 1610, whereas military contractor oversight should be coded as 1617*.

**2008: Public ownership of buildings, property, and in corporations. General questions on privatisation/nationalisation**

Questions on sale of public property (’utförsäljning’), state monopolies including ’Systembolaget’, questions on purhcase of corporations, buildings etc., consequences of sale/purchase of such property, government shareholding in companies competing with private companies, increased privatisation in the public sector, bonuses to managers of state-owned corporations, ethical aspects and responsibility in public ownership.

*Questions on a specific issue should be coded into the relevant subtopic. For example, a question on the privatisation of bus transportation should be coded as 1001*.

**2009: The Central Tax Administration**

Questions on the tax authorities, ’Skatteverket’, practice, administration, organisation and disputes between tax payers and the Central Tax Administration, income tax return, processing time.

*Questions on fiscal policy and fiscal reforms including the overall tax burden, rules on tax allowances and deductions, VAT relief, depreciation and changes in tax rates*

*should be coded as 107*.

**2010: Impeachment and scandals**

Questions on impeachment of the Prime Minister, scandals or crises involving the PM or other ministers or party leaders, investigations into minesterial behaviour, financial or moral misconduct of ministers e.g. ’Tobleroneaffären’, resignation of ministers or party leaders.

*Questions on ministerial responsibility should be coded as 2011*.

**2011: Executive-legislative relations and administrations, parliamentary powers, and constitutional reforms**

Relationships between the executive and legislative branches of government, organization, operation and powers of the Riksdag, distribution of seats in parliaments, size of parliament, votes of no confidence, broadcasting of parliamentary debates, legislative investigations and public inquiries. Impeachment of and issues regarding other ministers than the MP.

*Questions on impeachment and political scandals should be coded as 2010. Issues of election campaign regulation as 2012 and questions on bureaucratic oversight as 2002*.

**2012: Regulation of political campaigns, political parties, and voter registration**

The election legislation, rules of election campaigns, organisation of election campaigns, rules of the nomination of candidates at elections, rules of political campaigns, the Government’s use of government officials in election campaigns.

*Questions on voting rights should be coded as 206*. *Questions on investigation of racist or anti-immigration parties or political groupings should be coded as 201.*

**2015: Relief of claims against the national government**

State compensation to businesses or persons economically affected by public institutional misconduct.

*Questions on claims against the Armed Forces should be coded as 1620*.

**2030: National holidays**

Bank holidays, the number of holidays in Sweden compared to trading partners.

**2099: Other (including the monarchy, royal family issues)**

Questions on government operations and government issues not included in the categories listed above, such as the royal family (however, questions on the royal residences should be coded as 2101).

**21. General public lands, water management, and territorial issues**

**2100: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics)**

Public lands and water including questions on multiple subtopics.

**2101: National parks, memorials, historic sites, recreational areas (includes the management and staffing of cultural sites)**

National parks and protected areas, arhecological sites, relics or monuments of antiquity, matters of preservation, questions on historical buildings including management and maintenance of Swedish royal castles and palaces, costs of maintaining the royal residences.

*Question on Sami lands should be coded as 2102. Questions related to raindeers and their grazing grounds should be coded into 2102 as this is a Sami issue.*

*Questions on museums, cultural heritage etc. should be coded in the relevant 2300 subtopic.*

**2102: Sámi issues (including reindeer farming)**

Sámi rights, discrimination of Sámi population, reserach into the treatment of the Sámi population, Sámi political life including government of Sámi affairs, Sámi political institutions (e.g. Sametinget), status of Sámi language, Sámi parliamentary conference, funding of Sámi events including cultural events, all issues related to reindeer farming such as reindeer grazing grounds, right to rear, buy and sell reindeers and reindeer products.

**2103: Use and protection of public natural resources such as state forests and mines**

General questions on public natural resources including iron ore, copper, silver, gold, zink, and state forests including questions on closing of public and private roads in state forests, destruction of

forests due to storms, fire etc., prevention of forest fires, drought and floodings of public lands, rules of access to states-owned gravel pits and mines.

*Questions on natural reseources intended for energy should be coded in the relevant 800-code, for instance mining after uranium should be coded as 801, drilling for natural gas as 803.*

*Questions on disaster relief should be coded as 1523.*

**2104: Water and sea resources including harbours**

Questions on national harbours, such as the establishment of new harbours and piers, marinas.

*Questions on water energy plants should be coded as 806.*

*International agreements on the use of environmental resources should be coded as 1902.*

*Questions on fisheries should be coded as 408 and questions on drinking water as 701, the general condition of the marine and freshwater environment as 711.*

**2105: Dependencies and territorial issues (includes devolution)**

The territorial (and constitutional) jurisdiction and composition of national government.

**2199: Other**

Questions on public lands and water resources not included in the categories listed above.

**23. General cultural policy issues**

**2300: General (including combinations of multiple subtopics) (2300)**

Any general question on cultural policy including questions on the Ministry of Culture, the Minister of Culture including budgets, administration, priorities and the extent of taxes and duties within the Minister’s general area of responsibility. State subsidues to the arts such as overall public spending on culture, funding of the arts, film and music, accounts for specific cultural commitments. Questions on the content quality of culture and related outlets such as public service (SR, SVT).

*NB: issues related to sports should be coded as 1526, volunteer organisation should*

 *be coded as 1305, religion as 207, the Swedish church as 210.*

*Media content from the industry perspective should be coded as 1707.*

*Working conditions and safety for people in the artistic industry should be coded as 501.*

**2301: Cultural outlets (museums, operas, theatres, cinemas, libraries, archives) (2300)**

Questions on cultural outlets such as maintenance, collections and availability. Issues regarding all state-funded, private and semi-private museums. Issues regarding quality and collections. All issues regarding availability, opening hours, and entrance fees. Questions on state support to operas, theatres, festivals, cinemas etc. including the digitalization of cinemas. Questions on costs related to the running of public libraries, development in the number of public libraries, pool of library book royalties and/or public lending right fees, book selection, acquisition policy, boost of information technology in the educational system, boost of (natural) science, the Swedish dictionary (SAOL).

*Questions on research libraries should be coded as 1798 and questions*

*on library book royalties and public lending right fees as well as copyright should be coded as 1522*.

**2302: National cultural heritage, history, and national languages (2300)**

Questions on the Swedish cultural heritage, national costums, traditions, and history including general initiatives to raise public awareness. Official national languages (Swedish, Finnish).

*Questions on national parks, memorials, recreational and historic sites and*

*protected areas should be coded as 2101.*

*Questions on Sami culture should be coded as 2102.*

**2303: The Swedish School for Music and Art (2300)**

Questions on schools for music and art (Kulturskolan), the Swedish national organisation for music and arts schools (SMoK), the Swedish municipalities and their organisation, funding and administration of these schools.

**2399: Other (2300)**

Questions on culture not included in the categories listed above, for instance cooperative arrangements between people working in the artistic industry, European Capital of Culture, digitalization of photos, films, cinemas.