Coding Scheme for Political Representation of Racial Minorities in the Parliament of Singapore

Variable Name: Parliamentary Session

10 = The 10th Parliament

11 = The 11th Parliament

12 = The 12th Parliament

Variable Name: Gender of an MP

0 = Male

1 = Female

Variable Name: Political Affiliation of an MP

1 = People's Action Party

2 = Singapore Democratic Alliance

3 = Workers' Party

4 = Singapore People's Party

9 = Nominated Member of Parliament

Variable Name: Race of an MP

1 = Chinese

2 = Malay

3 = Indian

4 = Eurasian

Variable Name: Path to Parliament

1 = Elected in General Election

2 = Non-Constituency Member of Parliament

3 = Nominated Member of Parliament

Variable Name: Age of an MP

Entered the age of an MP at the beginning of each Parliament. If an MP's age is not known, entered "999".

Variable Name: Tenure in Parliament

Entered the number of years that an MP had served as an MP at the beginning of each Parliament. If an MP was newly elected, entered "0".

Variable Name: Education Level of an MP

1 = Primary education

2 = Secondary education

3 = Diploma / Higher Diploma

4 = Bachelor degree

5 = Master degree

6 = Ph.D. degree

99 = If an MP's education level is not known

Variable Name: Ethnic Minority Related Questions

Entered the number of ethnic minority related questions that an MP raised. If an MP did not raise any ethnic minority related questions, entered "0".

This variable is intended to assess whether an MP raised any questions that were related to Singapore's racial minorities.

Example: In the parliamentary meeting on 13 May 2013, MP Intan Azura Mokhtar asked the government for an update on the schemes managed by MUIS and MENDAKI to assist low-income Malay/Muslim families in Singapore. Since this question is concerned with the welfare of Malay/Muslim families, it was coded as a 'racial minority-related question'.