NAME

Test::Lintian::Helper −− Helper functions for various testing parts

SYNOPSIS

```
use Test::Lintian::Helper qw(get_latest_policy);
my $policy_version = get_latest_policy();
```

DESCRIPTION

Helper functions for preparing and running Lintian tests.

FUNCTIONS

cache_dpkg_architecture_values()

Ensures that the output from dpkg-architecture has been cached.

get_latest_policy()

Returns a list with two elements. The first is the most recent version of the Debian policy. The second is its effective date.

get_recommended_debhelper_version()

Returns the version of debhelper recommended in 'debhelper/compat−level' via Lintian::Data, relative to the established LINTIAN_ROOT.

get_required_debhelper_version()

Returns the version of debhelper required in the file 'debian/control' relative to the established LINTIAN_ROOT. The return value is the exact string, which can include characters like a tilde.

copy_dir_contents(SRC_DIR, TARGET_DIR)

Populates TARGET_DIR with files/dirs from SRC_DIR, preserving all attributes but dereferencing links. For an empty directory, no dummy file is required.

rfc822date(EPOCH)

Returns a string with the date and time described by EPOCH, formatted according to RFC822.