

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

Controlling officer: the Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council will account for expenditure under this Head.

Estimate 2014–15 **\$56.0m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

This programme contributes to Policy Area 9: Internal Security (Secretary for Security).

Detail

	2012–13 (Actual)	2013–14 (Original)	2013–14 (Revised)	2014–15 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	46.7	49.8	50.9 (+2.2%)	56.0 (+10.0%)
				(or +12.4% on 2013–14 Original)

Aim

2 The aim of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is to ensure that investigations of reportable complaints by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) are carried out in a thorough, impartial and efficient manner.

Brief Description

3 The main functions of the IPCC are:

- to observe, monitor and review the handling and investigation of reportable complaints by the Commissioner of Police (the Commissioner), and to make recommendations, where appropriate, to the Commissioner and/or the Chief Executive (CE) in respect of the handling and/or investigation of reportable complaints;
- to monitor actions taken or to be taken in respect of any member of the police force by the Commissioner in connection with reportable complaints, and to advise, where appropriate, the Commissioner and/or the CE of its opinion on such actions;
- to identify any faults or deficiencies in any practices or procedures adopted by the police force that have led to or might lead to reportable complaints, and to make recommendations, where appropriate, to the Commissioner and/or the CE in respect of such practices or procedures;
- to review submissions made by the Commissioner pursuant to the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (Cap. 604); and
- to promote public awareness of the role of the IPCC.

4 The number and complexity of reportable complaints received and processed are the main indicators of IPCC's work. Performance is assessed having regard to the thoroughness with which investigation reports received from the Commissioner are examined and the quality of the comments given to the Commissioner on these reports.

5 The IPCC has broadly achieved its aim. Its overall performance, as reflected by the number and thoroughness of investigation reports reviewed and processed, has been maintained at a satisfactory level.

6 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2012–13 (Actual)	2013–14 (Revised Estimate)	2014–15 (Plan)
standard response time for enquiries				
immediately for enquiries by				
telephone or in person (%).....	100	100	100	100
within ten days for enquiries in				
writing (%).....	100	95	97	100

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	Target	2012–13 (Actual)	2013–14 (Revised Estimate)	2014–15 (Plan)
standard response time for monitoring of complaints				
within three months for normal cases (%).....	100	100	100	100
within six months for complicated cases (%).....	100	100	100	100
within six months for review cases (%).....	100	100	100	100

Indicators

	2012–13 (Actual)	2013–14 (Revised Estimate)	2014–15 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by the CAPO.....	2 325	2 500	2 400
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from the CAPO.....	2 427	2 300	2 400
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to the CAPO.....	2 489	2 500	2 500

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014–15

7 In 2014–15, the IPCC will:

- strive to reduce the time taken to examine investigation reports submitted by CAPO,
- identify any faults or deficiencies in HKPF's practices or procedures with a view to reducing the number of complaints, and
- continue to organise publicity activities to enhance public awareness of the role of the IPCC.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2012-13 (Actual) (\$m)	2013-14 (Original) (\$m)	2013-14 (Revised) (\$m)	2014-15 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration	46.7	49.8	50.9 (+2.2%)	56.0 (+10.0%)
				(or +12.4% on 2013-14 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2014-15 is \$5.1 million (10.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2013-14. This is mainly due to the increased provision for recruiting additional staff to cope with the increasing workload of daily operations, as well as engaging a consultant to conduct a human resources management review for the Secretariat.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2012-13	Approved estimate 2013-14	Revised estimate 2013-14	Estimate 2014-15	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	46,180	47,977	49,063	54,425
	Total, Recurrent	46,180	47,977	49,063	54,425
	Total, Operating Account	46,180	47,977	49,063	54,425
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Capital Account					
Subventions					
852	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)....	505	1,856	1,856	1,563
	Total, Subventions	505	1,856	1,856	1,563
	Total, Capital Account.....	505	1,856	1,856	1,563
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	Total Expenditure	46,685	49,833	50,919	55,988
		<u>46,685</u>	<u>49,833</u>	<u>50,919</u>	<u>55,988</u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2014–15 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is \$55,988,000. This represents an increase of \$5,069,000 (10.0%) over the revised estimate for 2013–14 and of \$9,303,000 (19.9%) over actual expenditure in 2012–13.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$54,425,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the payment of subvention to the IPCC to cover its salaries, allowances and other operating expenses. The increase of \$5,362,000 (10.9%) over the revised estimate for 2013–14 is mainly due to the increased provision for recruiting additional staff to cope with the increasing workload of daily operations, as well as engaging a consultant to conduct a human resources management review for the Secretariat.

Capital Account

Subventions

3 Provision of \$1,563,000 under *Subhead 852 Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents a decrease of \$293,000 (15.8%) against the revised estimate for 2013–14. This is mainly due to the decreased requirement for upgrading the information technology (IT) software and implementing enhanced IT security systems in 2014–15.