

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2015–16 **\$57.3m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Original)	2014–15 (Revised)	2015–16 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	50.9	56.0	57.6 (+2.9%)	57.3 (–0.5%)
				(or +2.3% on 2014–15 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) (the Ordinance); 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 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	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Revised Estimate)	2015–16 (Plan)
standard response time for enquiries by telephone or in person (immediate) (%).....	100	100	100	100
in writing (within ten days) (%).....	100	98	100	100

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	Target	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Revised Estimate)	2015–16 (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

	2013–14 (Actual)	2014–15 (Revised Estimate)	2015–16 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by the CAPO.....	2 501	2 300	2 400
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from the CAPO.....	2 454	2 400	2 400
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to the CAPO.....	2 591	2 300	2 500

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015–16

7 In 2015–16, the IPCC will:

- seek to increase the overall efficiency in the examination and review of complaint investigation reports and other submissions by CAPO as stipulated in the Ordinance,
- continue to identify any faults or deficiencies in HKPF's practices or procedures with a view to reducing the number of complaints, and
- strive to further enhance public awareness of the role of the IPCC by engaging the stakeholders and organising publicity activities.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

	2013-14 (Actual) (\$m)	2014-15 (Original) (\$m)	2014-15 (Revised) (\$m)	2015-16 (Estimate) (\$m)
Programme				
Police Complaints Administration	50.9	56.0	57.6 (+2.9%)	57.3 (-0.5%)
				(or +2.3% on 2014-15 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2015-16 is \$0.3 million (0.5%) lower than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to the decreased requirement for engaging a consultant to conduct a human resources management review for the Secretariat.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2013-14	Approved estimate 2014-15	Revised estimate 2014-15	Estimate 2015-16	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	49,063	54,425	56,048	52,782
	Total, Recurrent	49,063	54,425	56,048	52,782
	Total, Operating Account	49,063	54,425	56,048	52,782
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Capital Account					
Subventions					
852	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)....	1,853	1,563	1,563	4,500
	Total, Subventions	1,853	1,563	1,563	4,500
	Total, Capital Account.....	1,853	1,563	1,563	4,500
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	Total Expenditure	50,916	55,988	57,611	57,282
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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2015–16 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is \$57,282,000. This represents a decrease of \$329,000 against the revised estimate for 2014–15 and an increase of \$6,366,000 over the actual expenditure in 2013–14.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$52,782,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the payment of subvention to the IPCC to cover its salaries, allowances and other operating expenses.

Capital Account

Subventions

3 Provision of \$4,500,000 under *Subhead 852 Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$2,937,000 (187.9%) over the revised estimate for 2014–15. This is mainly due to the development of two electronic information systems for case examination and human resources management.