

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2008–09..... **\$16.5m**

Establishment ceiling 2008–09 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 21 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2008 and as at 31 March 2009 **\$8.7m**

In addition, there will be an estimated one directorate post as at 31 March 2008 and as at 31 March 2009.

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2006–07 (Actual)	2007–08 (Original)	2007–08 (Revised)	2008–09 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	15.2	13.6	15.4 (+13.2%)	16.5 (+7.1%)
				(or +21.3% on 2007–08 Original)

Aim

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

Brief Description

3 The main function of the IPCC Secretariat is to provide administrative and professional support to the Council in discharging its role. The terms of reference of the IPCC are to:

- monitor and, where it considers appropriate, review the handling by the Police of complaints by the public;
- keep under review statistics of the types of conduct by police officers which lead to complaints by members of the public;
- identify any faults in Police procedures which lead or might lead to complaints; and
- where and when it considers appropriate, make recommendations to the Commissioner of Police or, if necessary, to the Chief Executive.

4 The number and complexity of complaints received and processed are the main indicators of the IPCC Secretariat's work. Performance is assessed having regard to the thoroughness with which investigation reports received from CAPO are examined and the quality of the comments given to the IPCC and the Police 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 In 2007–08, the IPCC continued to monitor follow-up actions and civil actions on matters arising from an incident in which the personal data of complainants who had complained against the Police were disclosed on the Internet (the Incident). It also continued to launch publicity programmes such as talks for local university students to enhance public awareness and understanding of the police complaints system in general and of the work of the IPCC in particular.

7 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
standard response time for enquiries immediately for enquiries by telephone or in person (%).....	100	100	100	100

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	Target	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Plan)
within ten days for enquiries in writing (%).....	100	99.4	100	100
standard response time for monitoring of complaints				
within three months for normal cases (%).....	100	99.5	99.9	100
within six months for complicated cases (%).....	100	99.8	99.8	100
within six months for appeal cases (%).....	100	93.9	96.9	100

Indicators

	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Actual)	2008 (Estimate)
complaint cases registered by CAPO.....	2 542	2 569	2 600
complaint cases received by the IPCC from CAPO.....	2 437	2 774	2 800
complaint cases endorsed by the IPCC and returned to CAPO.....	2 114	2 509	2 500
	(including 286 cases received in 2005)	(including 461 cases received in 2006)	

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008–09

8 In 2008–09, the IPCC will:

- continue to examine all investigation reports submitted by CAPO in detail to ensure that each and every complaint against the Police is investigated in a thorough, impartial and efficient manner;
- continue to keep in view the progress of the legislative proposal that was introduced into the Legislative Council on 11 July 2007 to turn the IPCC into a statutory body, and undertake any necessary preparatory arrangements in this respect;
- continue to monitor follow-up actions and civil actions on matters arising from the Incident; and
- continue to organise publicity activities to enhance public awareness and understanding of the work of the IPCC.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

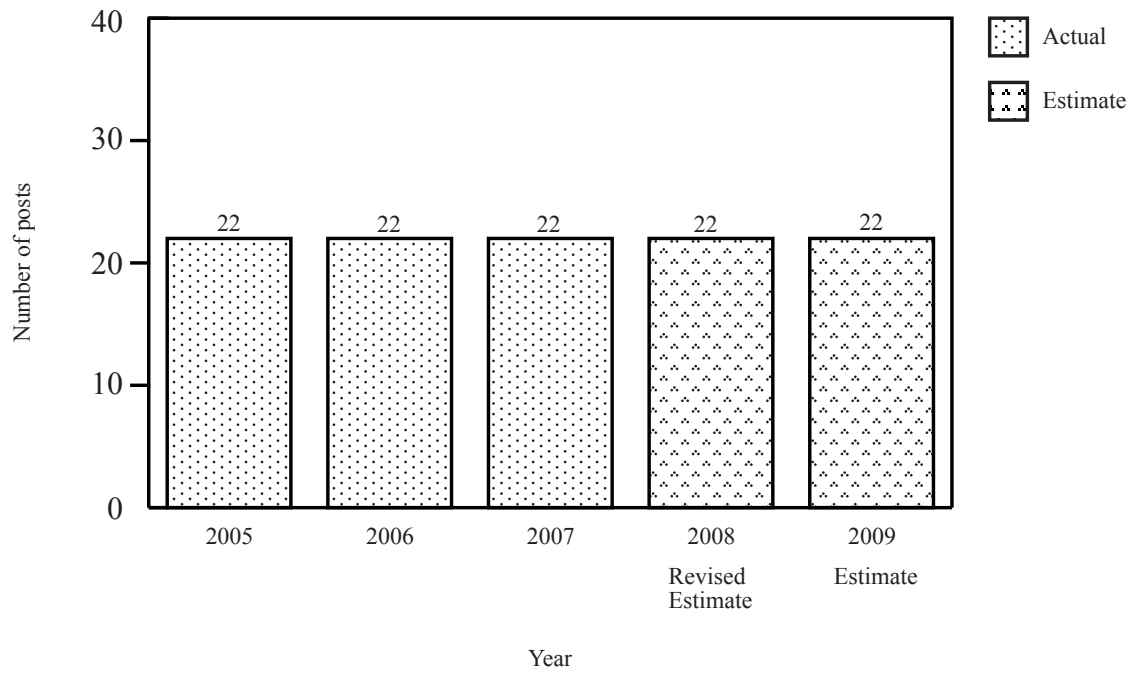
Programme	2006-07 (Actual) (\$m)	2007-08 (Original) (\$m)	2007-08 (Revised) (\$m)	2008-09 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration.....	15.2	13.6	15.4 (+13.2%)	16.5 (+7.1%)
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Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2008-09 is \$1.1 million (7.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the requirement of salary provision for pre-retirement leave of two officers and increased operating expenses for setting up a temporary transitional team to undertake the necessary preparatory work to establish the IPCC as a statutory body, partly offset by reduced requirement on operating expenses in connection with the Incident.

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*Changes in the size of the establishment
(as at 31 March)*



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2006-07	Approved estimate 2007-08	Revised estimate 2007-08	Estimate 2008-09	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	15,188	13,557	15,397	16,526
	Total, Recurrent.....	<u>15,188</u>	<u>13,557</u>	<u>15,397</u>	<u>16,526</u>
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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2008–09 for the salaries and expenses of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council is \$16,526,000. This represents an increase of \$1,129,000 over the revised estimate for 2007–08 and of \$1,338,000 over actual expenditure in 2006–07.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$16,526,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2008 will be 22 permanent posts. No change in establishment is expected in 2008–09. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2008–09, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$8,679,000.

4 An analysis of the financial provision under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is as follows:

	2006–07 (Actual) (\$'000)	2007–08 (Original) (\$'000)	2007–08 (Revised) (\$'000)	2008–09 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	10,165	9,980	10,674	11,321
- Allowances	253	172	46	100
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	4,770	3,405	4,677	5,105
	15,188	13,557	15,397	16,526