

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2010–11..... **\$27.2m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2008–09 (Actual)	2009–10 (Original)	2009–10 (Revised)	2010–11 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	17.4	28.3	27.3 (–3.5%)	27.2 (–0.4%)
				(or –3.9% on 2009–10 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 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 IPCC 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 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	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Actual)	2010 (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	100	100	100

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	Target	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Actual)	2010 (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

	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Actual)	2010 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by CAPO.....	2 714	4 257	3 500
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from CAPO.....	2 693	3 882	3 600
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to CAPO.....	2 572 (including 498 cases received in 2007)	3 025 (including 317 cases received in 2008)	4 200

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010–11

7 In 2010–11, the IPCC will:

- gradually employ its own staff to replace civil servants seconded from the Government;
- continue to examine all investigation reports submitted by CAPO in detail to ensure that each reportable complaint against the Police is investigated in a thorough, impartial and efficient manner; and
- continue to organise publicity activities to enhance public awareness of the role of the IPCC under the IPCC Ordinance.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2008–09 (Actual) (\$m)	2009–10 (Original) (\$m)	2009–10 (Revised) (\$m)	2010–11 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration.....	17.4	28.3	27.3 (–3.5%)	27.2 (–0.4%)
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Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2010–11 is \$0.1 million (0.4%) lower than the revised estimate for 2009–10. This is mainly due to the reduced requirement for capital account items, partly offset by the increased provision for recruitment-related and other operating expenses.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2008-09	Approved estimate 2009-10	Revised estimate 2009-10	Estimate 2010-11	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses.....	17,361	26,400	25,400	26,827
	Total, Recurrent	17,361	26,400	25,400	26,827
	Total, Operating Account.....	17,361	26,400	25,400	26,827
Capital Account					
Subventions					
852	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)....	—	1,883	1,883	350
	Total, Subventions	—	1,883	1,883	350
	Total, Capital Account	—	1,883	1,883	350
	Total Expenditure	17,361	28,283	27,283	27,177

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2010–11 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council is \$27,177,000. This represents a decrease of \$106,000 against the revised estimate for 2009–10 and an increase of \$9,816,000 over the actual expenditure in 2008–09.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$26,827,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the payment of subvention to the Independent Police Complaints Council to cover its salaries, allowances and other operating expenses.

Capital Account

Subventions

3 Provision of \$350,000 under *Subhead 852 Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* is for procurement of equipment, maintenance, minor works, computerisation projects and related consultancies costing above \$150,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000 for each item. The decrease of \$1,533,000 (81.4%) against the revised estimate for 2009–10 is mainly due to reduced requirement for new or replacement equipment.