

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2011–12..... **\$35.2m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Original)	2010–11 (Revised)	2011–12 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	26.4	27.2	28.5 (+4.8%)	35.2 (+23.5%)
				(or +29.4% on 2010–11 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 (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 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	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Revised Estimate)	2011–12 (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	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Revised Estimate)	2011–12 (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	99	100
within six months for review cases (%).....	100	100	94	100

Indicators

	2009–10 (Actual)	2010–11 (Revised Estimate)	2011–12 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by the CAPO.....	4 449	3 600	3 600
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from the CAPO..	3 686	4 000	4 000
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to the CAPO	3 827	4 100	4 400
	(including 264 cases received before 2009–10)		

Note: The reporting year of the IPCC has been changed from the calendar year to the financial year with effect from 2011–12 to tie in with the requirements for the submission of the IPCC's annual report to the CE under the Ordinance.

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011–12

7 In 2011–12, the IPCC will:

- employ its own staff to replace all civil servants seconded from the Government;
- strive to reduce the time taken to examine investigation reports submitted by the CAPO;
- identify any faults or deficiencies in any practices or procedures adopted by the police force 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	2009–10 (Actual) (\$m)	2010–11 (Original) (\$m)	2010–11 (Revised) (\$m)	2011–12 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration.....	26.4	27.2	28.5 (+4.8%)	35.2 (+23.5%)
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Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2011–12 is \$6.7 million (23.5%) higher than the revised estimate for 2010–11. This is mainly due to the increased provision for recruiting additional staff to cope with the increased number of complaint cases received from the CAPO.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2009–10	Approved estimate 2010–11	Revised estimate 2010–11	Estimate 2011–12	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses.....	25,400	26,827	28,484	34,230
	Total, Recurrent	25,400	26,827	28,484	34,230
	Total, Operating Account.....	25,400	26,827	28,484	34,230
Capital Account					
Subventions					
852	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)....	1,041	350	—	1,000
	Total, Subventions	1,041	350	—	1,000
	Total, Capital Account	1,041	350	—	1,000
	 Total Expenditure	 26,441	 27,177	 28,484	 35,230

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2011–12 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is \$35,230,000. This represents an increase of \$6,746,000 over the revised estimate for 2010–11 and of \$8,789,000 over actual expenditure in 2009–10.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$34,230,000 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 \$5,746,000 (20.2%) over the revised estimate for 2010–11 is mainly due to the increased provision for recruiting additional staff to cope with the increased number of complaint cases received from the Complaints Against Police Office.

Capital Account

Subventions

3 *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 increase of \$1,000,000 over the revised estimate for 2010–11 is mainly due to the development of a computer system to improve operational efficiency.