

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2013–14..... **\$49.8m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2011–12 (Actual)	2012–13 (Original)	2012–13 (Revised)	2013–14 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	36.1	37.9	46.7 (+23.2%)	49.8 (+6.6%)

(or +31.4% on
2012–13 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 and to make recommendations, where appropriate, to the Commissioner of Police (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	2011–12 (Actual)	2012–13 (Revised Estimate)	2013–14 (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	2011–12 (Actual)	2012–13 (Revised Estimate)	2013–14 (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	97	100	100

Indicators

	2011–12 (Actual)	2012–13 (Revised Estimate)	2013–14 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by the CAPO.....	2 615	2 400	2 600
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from the CAPO	2 840	2 600	2 800
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to the CAPO	3 145	2 600	3 000

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013–14

7 In 2013–14, 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	2011–12 (Actual) (\$m)	2012–13 (Original) (\$m)	2012–13 (Revised) (\$m)	2013–14 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration.....	36.1	37.9	46.7 (+23.2%)	49.8 (+6.6%)
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Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2013–14 is \$3.1 million (6.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2012–13. This is mainly due to the increased provision for the additional rent, rates and management fee for IPCC's new office, as well as recruiting additional staff to strengthen IPCC's capacity to promote public awareness of its role and enhance its support for the Observers Scheme.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2011-12	Approved estimate 2012-13	Revised estimate 2012-13	Estimate 2013-14	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	35,107	37,414	46,180	47,977
	Total, Recurrent	35,107	37,414	46,180	47,977
	Total, Operating Account.....	35,107	37,414	46,180	47,977
Capital Account					
Subventions					
852	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) ...	982	505	505	1,856
	Total, Subventions	982	505	505	1,856
	Total, Capital Account.....	982	505	505	1,856
	Total Expenditure	<u>36,089</u>	<u>37,919</u>	<u>46,685</u>	<u>49,833</u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2013–14 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is \$49,833,000. This represents an increase of \$3,148,000 over the revised estimate for 2012–13 and of \$13,744,000 over actual expenditure in 2011–12.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$47,977,000 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 \$1,856,000 under *Subhead 852 Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$1,351,000 (267.5%) over the revised estimate for 2012–13. This is mainly due to the requirement for upgrading the information technology (IT) software and enhancing the IT security systems to cope with the operational needs.