

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2006–07 **\$12.7m**

Establishment ceiling 2006–07 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 21 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2006 and as at 31 March 2007 **\$8.1m**

In addition, there will be an estimated one directorate post as at 31 March 2006 and as at 31 March 2007.

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2004–05 (Actual)	2005–06 (Original)	2005–06 (Revised)	2006–07 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	13.0	13.3	13.3 (—)	12.7 (–4.5%)
				(or –4.5% on 2005–06 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 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 IPCC and the Police on these reports.

5 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 2005–06, IPCC continued to launch publicity programmes such as talks for secondary school students to enhance public awareness and understanding of the police complaints system in general and of the work of IPCC in particular.

7 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Plan)
		percentage within target		
standard response time for enquiries				
by telephone or in person	immediately	100	100	100
in writing	within 10 days	100	100	100

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	Target	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Plan)
		percentage within target		
standard response time for monitoring of complaints				
normal cases.....	less than 3 months	99.9	100	100
complicated cases.....	less than 6 months	99.8	99.9	100
appeal cases.....	less than 6 months	100	99.1	100

Indicators

	2004 (Actual)	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Estimate)
complaint cases registered by CAPO	3 222	2 719	2 800
complaint cases received by IPCC from CAPO	3 281	2 983	3 000
complaint cases endorsed by IPCC and returned to CAPO.....	3 299	2 828	3 000
	(including 250 cases received in 2003)	(including 231 cases received in 2004)	

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006–07

8 In 2006–07, 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;
- keep in view the introduction of a bill into the Legislative Council to make IPCC a statutory body; and
- continue to organise publicity activities to enhance public awareness and understanding of the work of IPCC.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

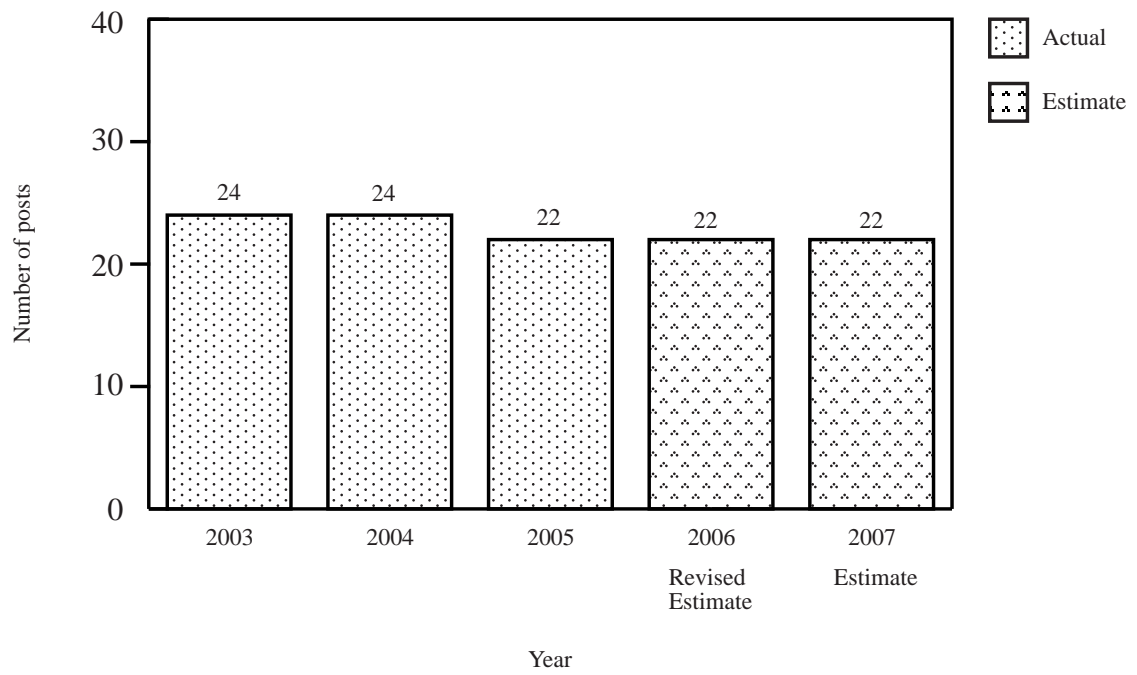
Programme	2004-05 (Actual) (\$m)	2005-06 (Original) (\$m)	2005-06 (Revised) (\$m)	2006-07 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration	13.0	13.3	13.3 (—)	12.7 (-4.5%)
				(or -4.5% on 2005-06 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2006-07 is \$0.6 million (4.5%) lower than the revised estimate for 2005-06. This is mainly due to the lapse of supernumerary posts created to accommodate officers on pre-retirement leave, partly offset by increased requirement on operating expenses.

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



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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2004-05	Approved estimate 2005-06	Revised estimate 2005-06	Estimate 2006-07	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	12,998	13,254	13,254	12,700
	Total, Recurrent	12,998	13,254	13,254	12,700
	Total, Operating Account	12,998	13,254	13,254	12,700
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	Total Expenditure	12,998	13,254	13,254	12,700
		<u>12,998</u>	<u>13,254</u>	<u>13,254</u>	<u>12,700</u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2006–07 for the salaries and expenses of the IPCC Secretariat is \$12,700,000. This represents a decrease of \$554,000 against the revised estimate for 2005–06 and of \$298,000 against actual expenditure in 2004–05.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$12,700,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the IPCC Secretariat.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2006 will be 22 permanent posts. No change in establishment is expected in 2006–07. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2006–07, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$8,127,000.

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

	2004–05 (Actual) (\$'000)	2005–06 (Original) (\$'000)	2005–06 (Revised) (\$'000)	2006–07 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries	11,677	11,823	11,792	10,530
- Allowances	83	41	124	158
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses	1,238	1,390	1,338	2,012
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