

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2007–08 **\$13.6m**

Establishment ceiling 2007–08 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 21 non-directorate posts as at 31 March 2007 and as at 31 March 2008 **\$8.2m**

In addition, there will be an estimated one directorate post as at 31 March 2007 and as at 31 March 2008.

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2005–06 (Actual)	2006–07 (Original)	2006–07 (Revised)	2007–08 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	13.1	12.7	15.6 (+22.8%)	13.6 (–12.8%)
				(or +7.1% on 2006–07 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 2006–07, the IPCC dealt with 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 secondary school students to enhance public awareness and understanding of the police complaints system in general and of the work of the IPCC in particular.

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7 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Plan)
standard response time for enquiries				
by telephone or in person (%).....	immediately	100	100	100
in writing (%).....	within 10 days	100	99.4	100
standard response time for monitoring of complaints				
normal cases (%).....	less than 3 months	100	99.5	100
complicated cases (%)	less than 6 months	99.9	99.8	100
appeal cases (%)	less than 6 months	99.1	93.9	100

Indicators

	2005 (Actual)	2006 (Actual)	2007 (Estimate)
complaint cases registered by CAPO	2 719	2 542	2 500
complaint cases received by IPCC from CAPO	2 983	2 437	2 400
complaint cases endorsed by IPCC and returned to CAPO	2 828	2 114	2 100
	(including 213 cases received in 2004)	(including 286 cases received in 2005)	

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007–08

8 In 2007–08, 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;
- keep in view the introduction of a bill into the Legislative Council to make the IPCC a statutory body;
- continue to monitor follow-up 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

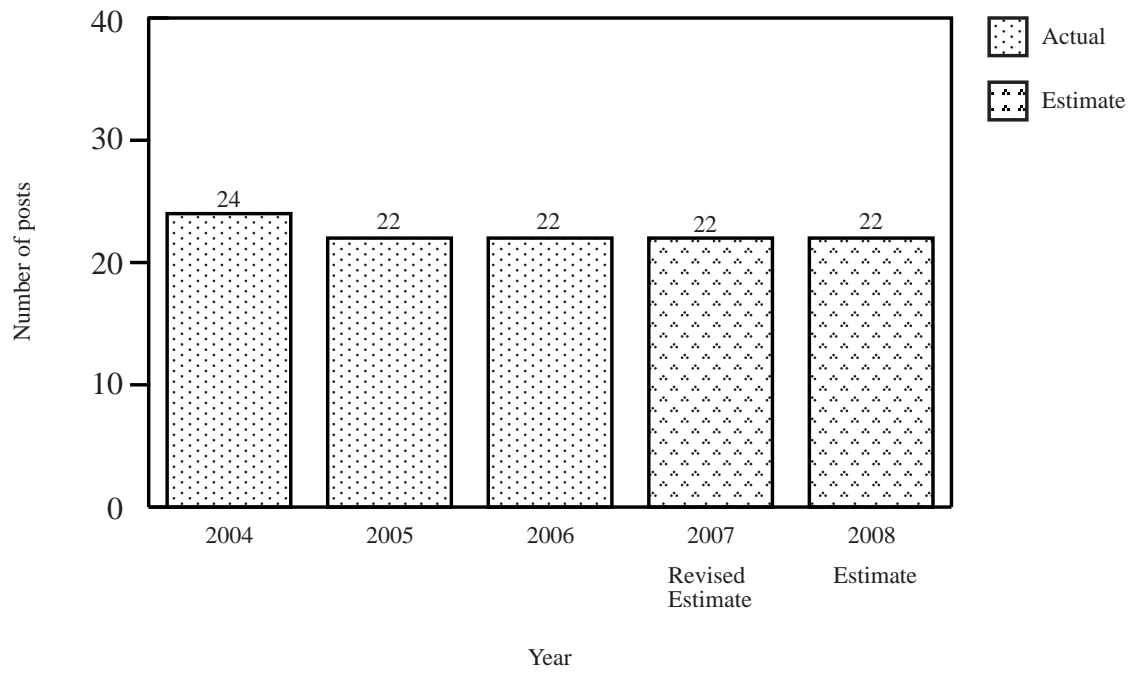
Programme	2005-06 (Actual) (\$m)	2006-07 (Original) (\$m)	2006-07 (Revised) (\$m)	2007-08 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration	13.1	12.7	15.6 (+22.8%)	13.6 (-12.8%)
				(or +7.1% on 2006-07 Original)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2007-08 is \$2.0 million (12.8%) lower than the revised estimate for 2006-07. This is mainly due to the 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 2005-06	Approved estimate 2006-07	Revised estimate 2006-07	Estimate 2007-08	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses.....	13,056	12,700	15,622	13,557
	Total, Recurrent	<u>13,056</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>15,622</u>	<u>13,557</u>
	Total, Operating Account.....	<u>13,056</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>15,622</u>	<u>13,557</u>
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	Total Expenditure.....	<u><u>13,056</u></u>	<u><u>12,700</u></u>	<u><u>15,622</u></u>	<u><u>13,557</u></u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2007–08 for the salaries and expenses of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council is \$13,557,000. This represents a decrease of \$2,065,000 against the revised estimate for 2006–07 and an increase of \$501,000 over actual expenditure in 2005–06.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$13,557,000 under *Subhead 000 Operational expenses* is for the salaries, allowances and other operating expenses of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council. The decrease of \$2,065,000 (13.2%) against the revised estimate for 2006–07 is mainly due to the reduced requirement on operating expenses in connection with the Incident.

3 The establishment as at 31 March 2007 will be 22 permanent posts. No net change in establishment is expected in 2007–08. Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated power create or delete non-directorate posts during 2007–08, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$8,231,000.

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

	2005–06 (Actual) (\$'000)	2006–07 (Original) (\$'000)	2006–07 (Revised) (\$'000)	2007–08 (Estimate) (\$'000)
Personal Emoluments				
- Salaries.....	11,594	10,530	10,162	9,980
- Allowances.....	148	158	243	172
Departmental Expenses				
- General departmental expenses.....	1,314	2,012	5,217	3,405
	<u>13,056</u>	<u>12,700</u>	<u>15,622</u>	<u>13,557</u>