

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2017–18 **\$73.4m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2015–16 (Actual)	2016–17 (Original)	2016–17 (Revised)	2017–18 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	58.9	62.3	64.2 (+3.0%)	73.4 (+14.3%)
				(or +17.8% on 2016–17 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 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 Independent Police Complaints Council 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	2015–16 (Actual)	2016–17 (Revised Estimate)	2017–18 (Plan)
standard response time for enquiries				
by telephone or in person				
(immediate) (%).....	100	100	100	100
in writing				
(within ten days) (%)	100	100	100	100

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	Target	2015–16 (Actual)	2016–17 (Revised Estimate)	2017–18 (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

	2015–16 (Actual)	2016–17 (Revised Estimate)	2017–18 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by the CAPO.....	1 285	1 500	1 500
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from the CAPO.....	1 572	1 500	1 500
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to the CAPO.....	1 784	1 700	1 700

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2017–18

7 In 2017–18, the IPCC will:

- seek to increase the overall efficiency in the examination and review of complaint investigation reports and other submissions by CAPO as stipulated in the Ordinance,
- continue to identify any faults or deficiencies in HKPF's practices or procedures with a view to reducing the number of complaints, and
- strive to further enhance public awareness of the role of the IPCC by widening the scope of engagement with stakeholders and organising publicity activities.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

	2015–16 (Actual) (\$m)	2016–17 (Original) (\$m)	2016–17 (Revised) (\$m)	2017–18 (Estimate) (\$m)
Programme				
Police Complaints Administration	58.9	62.3	64.2 (+3.0%)	73.4 (+14.3%)
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Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2017–18 is \$9.2 million (14.3%) higher than the revised estimate for 2016–17. This is mainly due to the increased provision for additional staff, the development of a secure email system and the rental charges arising from renewal of lease and additional office accommodation to enhance IPCC's capacity in accomplishing its statutory functions.

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Sub-head (Code)		Actual expenditure 2015–16	Approved estimate 2016–17	Revised estimate 2016–17	Estimate 2017–18
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Account					
	Recurrent				
000	Operational expenses	54,403	61,913	63,865	71,398
	Total, Recurrent	54,403	61,913	63,865	71,398
	Total, Operating Account	54,403	61,913	63,865	71,398
Capital Account					
	Subventions				
852	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)....	4,500	350	350	1,995
	Total, Subventions	4,500	350	350	1,995
	Total, Capital Account	4,500	350	350	1,995
	Total Expenditure	58,903	62,263	64,215	73,393

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2017–18 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is \$73,393,000. This represents an increase of \$9,178,000 over the revised estimate for 2016–17 and \$14,490,000 over the actual expenditure in 2015–16.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$71,398,000 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 \$7,533,000 (11.8%) over the revised estimate for 2016–17 is mainly due to the increased provision for additional staff and the rental charges arising from renewal of lease and additional office accommodation to enhance IPCC's capacity in accomplishing its statutory functions.

Capital Account

Subventions

3 Provision of \$1,995,000 under *Subhead 852 Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)* represents an increase of \$1,645,000 (470%) over the revised estimate for 2016–17. This is mainly due to the development of a secure email system for electronic communication among IPCC Members and the Secretariat.