

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2019–20 **\$95.9m**

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2017–18 (Actual)	2018–19 (Original)	2018–19 (Revised)	2019–20 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	74.7	76.8	79.2 (+3.1%)	95.9 (+21.1%)
				(or +24.9% on 2018–19 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 Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (Cap. 604); 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	2017–18 (Actual)	2018–19 (Revised Estimate)	2019–20 (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	2017–18 (Actual)	2018–19 (Revised Estimate)	2019–20 (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

	2017–18 (Actual)	2018–19 (Revised Estimate)	2019–20 (Estimate)
reportable complaints registered by the CAPO.....	1 466	1 500	1 500
reportable complaints received by the IPCC from the CAPO.....	1 616	1 600	1 600
reportable complaints endorsed by the IPCC and returned to the CAPO.....	1 617	1 600	1 600

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019–20

7 In 2019–20, the IPCC will:

- strengthen its overall research capability in policy and strategic research;
- strengthen the overall capability of the IPCC Vetting Unit in vetting complaint cases and recommending improvements;
- enhance business continuity and system integrity of IPCC operations through strengthening system planning and technical capability of the Information Technology (IT) Unit; and
- strengthen the capability and workforce of the Public Relations Unit for supporting the Council to meet its statutory functions and public expectations.

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ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2017–18 (Actual) (\$m)	2018–19 (Original) (\$m)	2018–19 (Revised) (\$m)	2019–20 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration	74.7	76.8	79.2 (+3.1%)	95.9 (+21.1%)
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Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2019–20 is \$16.7 million (21.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2018–19. This is mainly due to the increased provision for additional staff to strengthen the capability of Research and Vetting Teams, enhance IT support and promote publicity, and a one-off expenditure in 2019–20 for the production of a new series of TV drama.

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Sub-head (Code)	Actual expenditure 2017-18	Approved estimate 2018-19	Revised estimate 2018-19	Estimate 2019-20	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating Account					
Recurrent					
000	Operational expenses	72,678	76,841	79,199	95,852
	Total, Recurrent	72,678	76,841	79,199	95,852
	Total, Operating Account	72,678	76,841	79,199	95,852
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Capital Account					
Subventions					
	Independent Police Complaints Council - minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote)....	1,995	—	—	—
	Total, Subventions	1,995	—	—	—
	Total, Capital Account	1,995	—	—	—
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	Total Expenditure	74,673	76,841	79,199	95,852
		<u>74,673</u>	<u>76,841</u>	<u>79,199</u>	<u>95,852</u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2019–20 for the salaries and expenses of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is \$95,852,000. This represents an increase of \$16,653,000 over the revised estimate for 2018–19 and \$21,179,000 over the actual expenditure in 2017–18.

Operating Account

Recurrent

2 Provision of \$95,852,000 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 \$16,653,000 (21.1%) over the revised estimate for 2018–19 is mainly due to the increased provision for additional staff to strengthen the capability of Research and Vetting Teams, enhance information technology support and promote publicity, and a one-off expenditure in 2019–20 for the production of a new series of TV drama.