

Head 121 — INDEPENDENT POLICE COMPLAINTS COUNCIL

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

Estimate 2002–03	\$15.0m
Establishment ceiling 2002–03 (notional annual mid-point salary value) representing an estimated 24 non-directorate posts at 31 March 2002 reducing by one post to 23 posts at 31 March 2003.....	\$10.2m
In addition there will be one directorate post at 31 March 2002 and at 31 March 2003.	
Capital Account commitment balance	\$1.0m

Controlling Officer's Report

Programme

Police Complaints Administration

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

Detail

	2000–01 (Actual)	2001–02 (Approved)	2001–02 (Revised)	2002–03 (Estimate)
Financial provision (\$m)	15.3	14.1 (–7.8%)	15.8 (+12.1%)	15.0 (–5.1%)

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 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 2001–02, IPCC continued to implement the second three-year publicity programme commencing 2000–01 to enhance public awareness and understanding of the police complaints system in general and of the IPCC in particular. Activities organised during the year included talks for secondary school students and broadcast of a series of TV episodes on the operation of the police complaints system and the Council's work.

7 The key performance measures are:

Targets

	Target	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual) % within target	2002 (Plan)
Standard response time for enquiries				
by telephone or in person	immediately	99.5	100.0	100
in writing	within ten days	99.8	100.0	100

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	Target	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual) % within target	2002 (Plan)
Standard response time for monitoring of complaints				
normal cases.....	less than three months	98.5	99.1	100
complicated cases.....	less than six months	98.2	98.9	100
appeal cases.....	less than six months	94.7	99.2	100

Indicators

	2000 (Actual)	2001 (Actual)	2002 (Estimate)
complaint cases registered by CAPO.....	3 673	3 246	3 400
complaint cases received by IPCC from CAPO.....	3 458	3 526	3 700
complaint cases endorsed by IPCC and returned to CAPO	3 548	3 540	3 700
	(including 401 cases received in 1999)	(including 305 cases received in 2000)	

Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2002–03

8 In 2002–03, the IPCC will:

- continue its efforts 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; and
- continue with its second three-year publicity programme to enhance public awareness and understanding of the work of the IPCC.

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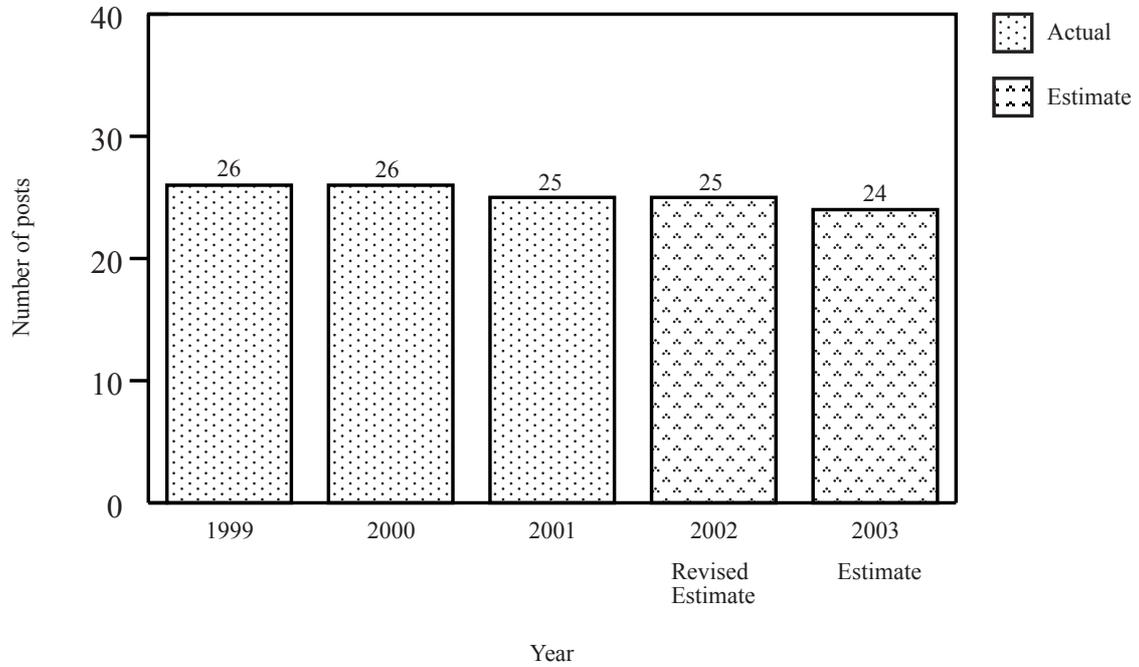
ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL PROVISION

Programme	2000-01 (Actual) (\$m)	2001-02 (Approved) (\$m)	2001-02 (Revised) (\$m)	2002-03 (Estimate) (\$m)
Police Complaints Administration.....	15.3	14.1 (-7.8%)	15.8 (+12.1%)	15.0 (-5.1%)

Analysis of Financial and Staffing Provision

Provision for 2002-03 is \$0.8 million (5.1%) lower than the revised estimate for 2001-02. This is mainly due to reduced requirement for publicity programmes, the deletion of one post and reduced operating expenses under the Enhanced Productivity Programme, partly offset by salary increments for staff.

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



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Sub-head (Code)		Actual expenditure 2000-01	Approved estimate 2001-02	Revised estimate 2001-02	Estimate 2002-03
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Recurrent Account					
I — Personal Emoluments					
001	Salaries	12,668	11,227	12,658	12,347
002	Allowances	418	475	328	328
	Total, Personal Emoluments	<u>13,086</u>	<u>11,702</u>	<u>12,986</u>	<u>12,675</u>
III — Departmental Expenses					
149	General departmental expenses	1,301	1,387	1,387	1,339
	Total, Departmental Expenses	<u>1,301</u>	<u>1,387</u>	<u>1,387</u>	<u>1,339</u>
	Total, Recurrent Account	<u>14,387</u>	<u>13,089</u>	<u>14,373</u>	<u>14,014</u>
Capital Account					
II — Other Non-Recurrent					
700	General other non-recurrent	938	1,000	1,397	1,000
	Total, Other Non-Recurrent	<u>938</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	Total, Capital Account	<u>938</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u><u>15,325</u></u>	<u><u>14,089</u></u>	<u><u>15,770</u></u>	<u><u>15,014</u></u>

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Details of Expenditure by Subhead

The estimate of the amount required in 2002–03 for the salaries and expenses of the Secretariat of the Independent Police Complaints Council is \$15,014,000. This represents a decrease of \$756,000 against the revised estimate for 2001–02 and of \$311,000 against actual expenditure in 2000–01.

Recurrent Account

Personal Emoluments

2 Provision of \$12,675,000 for personal emoluments represents a decrease of \$311,000 against the revised estimate for 2001–02.

3 The establishment at 31 March 2002 will be 25 permanent posts. It is expected that one post will be deleted in 2002–03.

4 Subject to certain conditions, the controlling officer may under delegated powers create or delete non-directorate posts during 2002–03, but the notional annual mid-point salary value of all such posts must not exceed \$10,192,000.

5 Provision of \$328,000 under *Subhead 002 Allowances* is for standard allowances.

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Capital Account

Commitments

Sub-head (Code)	Item (Code)	Ambit	Approved commitment	Accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2001	Revised estimated expenditure for 2001-02	Balance
			\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
700		<i>General other non-recurrent</i>				
	002	Publicity programmes	6,000	3,603	1,397	1,000
		Total.....	<u>6,000</u>	<u>3,603</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>1,000</u>