

**Meeting of the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC)  
with the Complaints & Internal Investigations Branch (C&IIB) (Open Part) held  
at the IPCC Secretariat Office at 1533 hours on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Present:

Dr Anthony Francis NEOH, QC, SC, JP	(Chairman)
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP	(Vice-chairman)
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS	(Vice-chairman)
Miss Lisa LAU Man-man, BBS, MH, JP	
Mr Herman HUI Chung-shing, SBS, MH, JP	
Dr Eugene CHAN Kin-keung, BBS, JP	
Ir Prof Vincent HO	
Dr Eric CHENG Kam-chung, BBS, MH, OStJ, JP	
Mr Richard HO Kam-wing	
Mr Barry CHIN Chi-yung	
Mr Clement CHAN Kam-wing	
Mr Wilson KWONG Wing-tsuen	
Ms Ann AU Chor-kwan	
Mr Alex CHU Wing-yiu	
Miss Sylvia LEE Hiu-wah	
Ms Shalini Shivan SUJANANI	
Prof Martin WONG Chi-sang	
Mr Roland WONG Ka-yeung	
Mr Richard YU, CDSM, CMSM, SG	
Mr Daniel MUI, DSG(OPS)	
Ms Rebecca LUK, DSG(MGT)	(Joint Secretary)
Ms Cherry CHAN, LA	
Mr KWOK Yam-shu, DMS	
Mr CHUNG Sze-pong, ACP	
Ms MAK Wai-man Tammy, CSP C&IIB	
Mr LAW Shui-sum, SSP CAPO	
Mr WONG Shun-shing, SP CAPO HQ	(Joint Secretary)

Absent with  
apologies:

Hon Chris CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP (Vice-chairman)  
Ir Edgar KWAN Chi-ping, BBS, JP  
Mr Douglas LAM Tak-yip, SC  
Mr Arthur LUK Yee-shun, BBS, SC  
Ms SO Lai-chun, MH, JP  
Mr José -Antonio MAURELLET, SC  
Dr David LEE Ka-yan, BBS, MH, JP  
Ms Melissa Kaye PANG, MH, JP  
Mr Johnny YU Wah-yung, JP  
Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai-kuen, BBS, MH, JP

In Attendance :

Ms TANG Wai-ying, SP CAPO HKI  
Mr YIP Wing lam, SP CAPO K  
Mr WONG Siu-keung, SP CAPO NT  
Ms CHOI Sau-kuen, CIP HQ (1) CAPO  
Ms LUI Wai-yee, CIP HQ (2) CAPO  
Ms HUI Shui-lam, CIP K1 CAPO K  
Mr AU Yeung-hoi, CIP NT1 CAPO NT  
Mr CHAN Hok-lun, SIP IPCC CAPO  
Mr WONG Yat-sang Danny, SIP SUP CAPO  
Mr NG Ting-hin, IP H2A CAPO HKI  
Mr CHAN Yu- leong, IP H3A CAPO HKI  
Mr LEE Ka-him, IP H4A CAPO HKI  
Mr TSUI Ka-chun, SIP NT2B CAPO NT  
Mr LAM Man-ching, IP NT3A CAPO NT  
Mr SURYANTO Chin-chiu, BDO EOD

## **PART B OPEN MEETING**

### **Opening Address**

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

#### **I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (Open Part)**

2. The minutes of the last meeting (Open Part) were confirmed without amendment.

#### **II. Presentation on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)**

3. CSP C&IIB briefed the Meeting that three wartime bombs had been found at Wan Chai rail link construction site early this year and that the danger and difficulties encountered by the Bomb Disposal Officers had attracted extensive press coverage. To enable IPCC Members to understand more about bomb disposal operations, Mr SURYANTO Chin-chiu, Superintendent of Police, of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Bureau was invited to deliver a presentation to the meeting.

4. Mr SURYANTO commenced his presentation by introducing the role, mission and vision of EOD Bureau. EOD Bureau was responsible for all the bomb incidents in Hong Kong. He then introduced the Improvised Explosive Device Disposal (IEDD) team including its vehicle, equipment, manpower and job charter and their assistance to the investigation team in ascertaining the cause of explosion, scene reconstruction and giving expert evidence in court. EOD Bureau also provided tactical support to Special Duty Squad (SDU), particularly during break-in operations involving the use of explosives.

5. Mr SURYANTO continued to share his experience on dismantling the three unexploded wartime airdropped bombs found at Wan Chai rail link construction site on 2018-01-27, 2018-01-31

and 2018-05-10 respectively. He showed the meeting a video clip of a wartime bomb explosion in Germany in 2012 to demonstrate and compare the possible explosive power. He also highlighted the inclement weather and prolonged operation that had made the operation more difficult.

6. EOD Bureau provided professional services for dealing with improvised devices, conventional munitions and Chemical, Biological, Radioactive and Nuclear (CBRN) incidents either on land or underwater in Hong Kong and handled many different requests made by members of the public, police force and other government departments.

7. During the course of bomb disposal operations, tremendous inconvenience would be caused to the members of public such as prolonged cordoning time, traffic closure and evacuation. To minimise the inconvenience caused to the public, EOD Bureau worked closely with the Police Public Relations Branch (PPRB) to enhance public awareness by early notice and regular situation update to the media. Local police management also provided full support by ensuring sufficient manpower to assist the evacuation and cordon.

8. Hon Tony TSE appreciated the good efforts of the Force to make Hong Kong one of the safest cities in the world. He asked if the EOD Bureau had made use of advanced technology, e.g. robot and high-end equipment, to reduce the risk of bomb disposal operations. Mr SURYANTO replied that EOD Bureau would arrange officers to attend various overseas military exhibitions and purchase advanced equipment if appropriate. He highlighted that EOD Bureau was the pioneer in South East Asia in the usage of advanced equipment that always attracted overseas counterparts to seek advice from them.

9. The Chairman asked if EOD Bureau had joined any accredited international associations or attended international conference in the bomb disposal arena to exchange professional knowledge. Mr SURYANTO replied in the affirmative and added that EOD Bureau would share professional knowledge with overseas counterparts through the network of the Bomb Data Centres.

10. Mr Clement CHAN had concerns over the release of information to members of the public that inadequate information would cause inconvenience whereas too much information would cause anxiety to the public. He asked if the Force had any guidelines on this issue. Mr SURYANTO stated that after assessment about the circumstances surrounding the bomb disposal operation, a senior officer from EOD Bureau would coordinate with other units to decide when and what information would be released to the public.

11. The Chairman wondered if the Wan Chai District Council had conducted a wash-up meeting with EOD Bureau after the bomb disposal operations. Mr SURYANTO replied that representatives of Wan Chai Police District had met up with Wan Chai District Council and subsequently referred the Council's traffic-related suggestions to EOD Bureau.

12. Mr Alex CHU had concerns over the readiness, preparedness and capability of the Force to handle CBRN incidents in Hong Kong. Mr SURYANTO replied that the equipment and procedures of EOD Bureau were comparable with overseas counterparts like North America. EOD Bureau worked closely with other government departments such as Hospital Authority, Civil Aid Service, Fire Service Department (FSD) and Hong Kong Observatory to conduct frequent and regular training and exercises at different strategic locations over the territory to prepare for CBRN incidents. FSD officers were also professionally trained and equipped to handle CBRN incidents.

13. Prof Martin WONG enquired about the frequency of bomb incidents and the training of Bomb Disposal Officer (BDO). Mr SURYANTO responded that EOD Bureau handled about 100 to 130 bomb-related incidents a year. The Bureau would send BDO to attend overseas training or visits while the overseas counterparts would also send their specialists to Hong Kong. He stressed that the professionalism of EOD Bureau was high and exemplary when compared with overseas counterparts.

14. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to Mr SURYANTO for his presentation.

### **III. Matters of Information**

#### **(a) CAPO's Monthly Statistics**

15. CSP C&IIB reported that in the first eleven months of 2018, 1,354 Reportable Complaints (RCs) were registered, representing a decrease of 36 cases (-2.6%) when compared with 1,390 RCs in the same period of 2017. There were 674 cases resolved by EDM, representing a decrease of 200 cases (-22.9%) when compared with the same period of 2017. The projected RC figure for 2018 was estimated to be 1,478, representing a projected decrease of 30 cases (-2%) when compared with 1,508 RCs in 2017. The complaint trend was thus considered steady.

16. Of the 1,354 RCs, 1,144 cases (84.5%) were minor complaints while 210 cases (15.5%) were serious complaints. Minor complaints comprised 777 cases of 'Neglect of Duty' (57.4%), 165 cases of 'Misconduct' (12.2%), 186 cases of 'Impoliteness' (13.7%) and 16 cases of 'Offensive Language' (1.2%). When compared with the same period of 2017, overall minor complaints decreased by 42 cases (3.5%). Serious complaints comprised 150 cases of 'Assault' (11.1%), 22 cases of 'Threat' (1.6%), 18 cases of 'Unnecessary Use of Authority' (1.3%), 18 cases of 'Fabrication of Evidence' (1.3%) and 2 cases of 'Other Offence' (0.1%). When compared with the same period of 2017, overall serious complaints increased by 6 cases (3%).

17. Comparing the minor complaint figures with the same period of 2017, 'Neglect of Duty' decreased by 48 cases from 825 to 777 cases (-5.8%) with majority involving the improper investigation of traffic or crime cases (44.7%). Majority of the complainants were dissatisfied with the progress and result of investigations. 'Misconduct' decreased by 19 cases from 184 to 165 cases (-10.3%); 'Impoliteness' increased by 21 cases from 165 to 186 cases (+12.7%); and 'Offensive Language' increased by 4 cases from 12 to 16 cases (+33.3%). With a view to avoiding

recurrence, CAPO would continue to enhance the awareness of frontline officers through the Outreaching Programme and disseminate complaint prevention messages via the quarterly electronic complaints prevention 'e-Newsletter'.

18. Comparing the serious complaint figures with the same period of 2017, most of them recorded a decrease. 'Assault' increased by 28 cases from 122 to 150 cases (+23%) when compared with the same period of 2017 but decreased by 24 cases when compared with the same period of 2016. Indeed, the figure for 'Assault' cases in 2017 was the lowest in recent years. Moreover, among the 150 'Assault' cases in the first eleven months of 2018, 146 cases (97%) of them were directly related to criminal cases with the arrest of complainants. The majority (91 cases/61%) were under 'Sub-Judice' procedure while the others (44 cases/29%) were initially classified as 'Not Pursuable' or 'Withdrawn' due to the fact that the complainants were out of reach or voluntarily withdrew their complaints. The investigation of the remaining (11 cases /7.3%) was still ongoing and CAPO would closely monitor the situation. 'Threat' decreased by 11 cases from 33 to 22 cases (-33.3%), 'Unnecessary Use of Authority' decreased by 6 cases from 24 to 18 cases (-25%) and 'Fabrication of Evidence' decreased by 5 cases from 23 to 18 cases (-21.7%).

#### **(b) CAPO's Criminal and Disciplinary Checklist**

19. CSP C&IIB briefed the Meeting that relevant information had been provided to IPCC Members for their reference prior to the meeting. Nothing was raised in this part.

#### **IV. Any Other Business**

20. The Chairman on behalf of IPCC and DMS on behalf of the Force raised a vote of thanks and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to four IPCC Members, namely, Vice-Chairman Hon CHAN Kin-por, Dr Eugene CHAN, Mr Arthur LUK, SC and Ir Prof Vincent HO, for their valuable contributions in the past six years.

21. There being no other business, the meeting concluded

at 1635 hrs.

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