

**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 1515 hours on Tuesday, 12 December 2023**

Present:

IPCC

Ms Priscilla WONG Pui-sze, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, GBS, JP (Vice-chairman)
Hon Ronick CHAN Chun-ying, JP (Vice-chairman)
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP (Vice-chairman)
Mr Clement CHAN Kam-wing, BBS, MH, JP
Mr Wilson KWONG Wing-tsuen
Dr Daniel CHAN Ching-yan, BBS, MH
Mr CHAN Chak-ming
Dr Anissa CHAN WONG Lai-kuen, SBS, MH, JP
Mr Roland WONG Ka-yeung
Ms Jane Curzon LO, BBS, JP
Miss Mabel CHAN Mei-bo, JP
Mr Randy YU Hon-kwan, MH, JP
Ms Cindi HUI Ming-ming
Prof LIN Feng
Mr Ivan SZE Wing-hang, BBS, JP

Police

Ms Catherine KWAN Chui-ching, DMS (T)
Ms Monica AU YEUNG Mun-ye, ACP SQ (T)
Mr Joe CHAN Hin-kwan, SSP CAPO
Mr Stanley WONG Chi-wai, SSP OPS KW
Ms Vicky CHAN Sze-ting, SP HQ CAPO
Mr Lawrence KO Cheuk-hang, SP CAPO HKI
Mr Derek TAM Wing-leung, SP CAPO K
Mr Christie LAM Yiu, SP CAPO NT

Secretariat

Mr Daniel MUI Tat-ming, SG
Ms Regina LAU Ngai-kit, DSG (OPS)
Ms Patricia WOO Wan-shan, DSG (MGT)
Ms Vivian HO Wei-wun, LA

Absent with apologies:

IPCC

Mr LEE Man-bun, MH, JP
Dr Desmond NGUYEN Gia-hung

Opening Address

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

I. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2023 (Open Part)

2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment.

II. Presentation on ‘Policing of Large-scale Festive Events’

3. SSP OPS KW gave a presentation on the Police’s strategy in policing large-scale festive events. He first introduced the duties and objectives of the Police, which were to ensure the events be held in a safe and orderly manner. He then elaborated on the Police’s strategy in policing festive events: (i) comprehensive risk assessment process; (ii) multi-agency approach to engage organisers and stakeholders; and (iii) crowd and traffic management measures. He went on to highlight the challenges faced by the Police and the importance of striking a balance between facilitation of the conduct of events and minimising the possible inconvenience to the public. He concluded by highlighting the Police’s proactive approach to maintain effective communication with the public and the use of technology in crowd management, with the ultimate aim of maintaining public order and ensuring safety of participants of these festive events and members of the public.

4. The Chairman thanked SSP OPS KW for his informative presentation and invited questions from Members.

5. Miss Mabel CHAN appreciated the advance notice given by the Police regarding temporary traffic diversion and road closure prior to large-scale festive events. Having said that, she expressed concern on the occupational safety of police officers conducting traffic control on the roadway and suggested that such duties could be aided by suitable tools/gadgets. She was of the view that enhanced publicity would help educate road users and pedestrians the importance of maintaining clear passage for emergency services.

6. SSP OPS KW stated that the Police attached great importance to the safety of all officers including those performing traffic enforcement. To ensure that emergency services were not hindered, the Police endeavoured to keep the entrances of fire stations clear during large-scale festive events.

7. Dr Daniel CHAN opined that sometimes people consumed excessive alcohol during festive events and were prone to dispute and violent behaviours. He noted that malicious complaints had arisen from the encounters between these individuals and police officers. He shared his view that the use of Body Worn Video Camera (BWVC) would have a deterrent effect on those irresponsible complainants. In response, ACP SQ (T) stated that a set of guidelines was in place to govern the use of BWVC by police officers when performing statutory duties. She further explained that BWVC also served as a useful tool in de-escalating confrontational situations and gathering evidence.

8. Mr Randy YU noted that there were occasions when police officers were required to perform ad-hoc crowd management operations. He enquired about the Police's call-out procedures and co-ordination for manpower redeployment. SSP OPS KW replied that the Police always ensured preparedness for rapid response to ad-hoc operations with a view to protecting life and property. Respective field commanders would assess the situation, and decide the appropriate level of policing and necessary deployment according to operational needs.

9. Mr Clement CHAN was aware that there were notification requirements for holding public meetings or processions in the Public Order Ordinance. He enquired about the Police's assessment criteria in processing the notifications. SSP OPS KW stated that the Police would strike a balance between the rights of participants to express their views and the rights of the public to carry on with their daily lives. In assessing such notifications, the Police would consider the objectives of the events, the nature and number of participants, etc.

III. Matters for Information

(a) CAPO's Monthly Statistics

10. SSP CAPO reported that 1,608 Reportable Complaints (RCs) were received in the first eleven months of 2023, representing an increase of 474 cases (+42%) when compared with 1,134 cases in the same period of 2022. Among the 1,608 RCs, nearly 95% were of minor nature, including 30% of complaints stemming from traffic enforcement and 30% relating to crime investigation. In the first eleven months of 2023, the Police had conducted over 1 million times of stop-and-search; had issued over 2.3 million of fixed penalty notices on traffic contravention; and had received over 1.5 million of police reports. The percentage of complaints against the Police arising from these enforcement

actions was relatively low. Breakdown of RC figures was detailed at Annex–Table 1.

(b) CAPO’s Criminal and Disciplinary Checklist

11. SSP CAPO reported that relevant information had been provided to Members for their reference prior to the meeting. No question was raised under this item.

IV. Any Other Business

12. There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 1605 hours.

(Vicky CHAN)
Joint Secretary
Complaints and Internal
Investigations Branch

(Patricia WOO)
Joint Secretary
Independent Police
Complaints Council

Table 1 - Detailed Breakdown and Comparison of RC figures

Year (Jan – November)		2023	2023vs2022	2023vs2021
RC (Total)		1,608	+42%	+23%
Minor	Neglect of Duty	879 (55%)	+41%	+27%
	Misconduct/Impoliteness	628 (39%)	+57%	+27%
	Offensive Language	23 (1%)	+10%	-23%
	Sub-total	1,530 (95%)	+46%	+26%
Serious	Assault	56 (3%)	-18%	-11%
	Threat	1 (0%)	-50%	-88%
	Unnecessary Use of Authority	19 (1%)	+19%	-5%
	Fabrication of Evidence	2 (1%)	-33%	No change
Sub-total		78 (5%)	-12%	-16%