

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2019-20**

**Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security
Head : 121 Independent Police Complaints Council
Programme : Police Complaints Administration**

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 1241)

Head: (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer: Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The provision for IPCC in 2019-20 is 21.1% higher than the revised estimate for 2018-19 due to the need for additional staff and the production of a new series of TV drama.

- a. Please list the number, posts as well as salary expenses of the additional staff.
- b. Please provide details on the plan to produce the new series of TV drama and the estimated expenditure.
- c. IPCC produced a TV drama in 2015. Please provide details on its expenditure and viewership.

Asked by: Hon AU Nok-hin (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

- a. The additional posts of IPCC in 2019-20 are as follows:

Additional posts	Number
Senior Manager (Information Technology)	1
Vetting Officer	1
Research Officer	1
Manager (Public Relations)	1
Public Relations Officer	1
Information Technology Officer	1
Corporate Services Officer	2

The estimated expenditure for the above additional posts is \$7.85 million.

- b. The new series of IPCC TV drama will consist of 5 to 6 episodes, each of 21 minutes' duration with contents based on real complaint cases. The estimated expenditure is about \$7.8 million.

c. The expenditure of the 2015 IPCC TV drama series was \$4 million. The audience for each episode of the TV drama series ranged from 640 000 to 760 000. The drama series also attracted 670 000 views on YouTube channel. In addition, the TV series was shown during school visits under the "IPCC School Programme" with a view to illustrating to more than 6 000 teachers and students IPCC's principles and procedures in vetting complaint investigation reports by means of interactive sharing and a succinct manner.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SB196

(Question Serial No. 2652)

Head: (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (2) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer: Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

IPCC's provision for 2019-20 is \$16.7 million (21.1%) higher than the revised estimate for 2018-19. The increase is mainly due to the need for additional staff to strengthen the capability of Research and Vetting Teams, enhance Information Technology support and promote publicity, as well as a one-off expenditure in 2019-20 for the production of a new series of TV drama. Please list out the required expenditure and details of the above initiatives.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Wah-fung, Christopher (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The additional posts of IPCC in 2019-20 are as follows:

Additional posts in 2019-20	Number
Senior Manager (Information Technology)	1
Vetting Officer	1
Research Officer	1
Manager (Public Relations)	1
Public Relations Officer	1
Information Technology Officer	1
Corporate Services Officer	2

The estimated expenditure for the above additional posts is \$7.85 million.

The new series of IPCC TV drama will consist of 5 to 6 episodes, each of 21 minutes' duration with contents based on real complaint cases. The estimated expenditure is about \$7.8 million.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 0411)

Head: (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (3) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer: Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The increase of \$16.7 million (21.1%) in the 2019-20 provision over the revised estimate for 2018-19 is mainly due to the need for additional staff to strengthen the capability of Research and Vetting Teams, enhance Information Technology support and promote publicity. Please inform this Committee:

1. The number, posts and estimated expenditure for the additional staff;
2. The functions of the Research and the Vetting Teams, and ways to improve the capability of both Teams;
3. The estimated one-off expenditure in 2019-20 for the production of a new series of TV drama; and
4. The remaining provision after deducting the amounts in item (1) and (3) above.

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

1. IPCC plans to recruit 1 Senior Manager (Information Technology), 1 Vetting Officer, 1 Research Officer, 1 Manager (Public Relations), 1 Public Relations Officer, 1 Information Technology Officer and 2 Corporate Service Officers in 2019-20. The estimated expenditure is about \$7.85 million.
2. The main functions of the Vetting Team are to monitor and review the reportable complaints handled and investigated by the Commissioner of Police. The additional Vetting Officer will assist in reviewing the vetting process and guidelines with a view to developing a better model of operation to enhance efficiency. The main functions of the

Research Team are to compile and consolidate statistics, analyze complaint cases trend and research on ways to improve the Police Force's practices and procedures so as to prevent complaints. The additional Research Officer is responsible for conducting research into the best practices being adopted by the police in other jurisdictions and the areas worth referencing in the context of complaint prevention and service improvement.

3. The one-off expenditure in 2019-20 for the production of a new series of TV drama is \$7.8 million.
4. IPCC's provision for 2019-20 is \$95.85 million. After deducting the amounts in item (1) and (3) above, the remaining provision is \$80.2 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No : 3891)

Head : (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) : (000) Operational Expenses

Programme : (1) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

Please list out all IPCC's recommendations regarding police practices and procedures in the past year and advise whether these have been accepted by the Police.

Asked by : Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No.(LegCo use : 111)

Reply :

IPCC made 23 recommendations to the Police on improving Police practices and procedures out of the reportable complaints endorsed in 2018-2019 (as at 18 Mar 2019). The Police has accepted 19 of them and provided satisfactory explanation on the remaining four. The accepted recommendations include: reviewing the "Use of Force" guidelines in public order events and riot situations; strengthening liaison with the media for news reporting at the scene; reviewing the procedures for handling investigation of traffic accident cases; reviewing guidelines governing the use of private mobile phones for official purposes; reviewing and improving the process on making requests to telecom service providers for access to call records; advising frontline officers on the proper use of torch when conducting stop and search duties at night; and shortening the time required for obtaining transaction records of octopus cards from the Octopus Cards Limited, etc.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No : 3892)

Head : (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title) : (000) Operational Expenses

Programme : (2) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer : Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Security

Question :

By what means did IPCC enhance public understanding of the role of IPCC in the past 3 years? Please list out the details on dates, types, number of participants and related expenditures of the activities. How will IPCC promote its work to the public in the coming year? If there are plans to organize activities, please list out the details on proposed dates, types, number of participants and related expenditures.

Asked by : Hon KWOK Wing-hang, Dennis (Member Question No.(LegCo use : 110))

Reply :

In the past 3 years, IPCC enhanced public understanding of its role through activities such as liaising with stakeholders and the media, organising the School Programme, producing publications and corporate videos, etc. At the same time, public opinion surveys and focus group discussions were conducted to understand public views and expectations of IPCC.

IPCC visited 18 District Fight Crime Committees and 14 District Principals' Associations to introduce its work to about 1 000 stakeholders and listen to their views and suggestions. IPCC also reached out to young people proactively by meeting over 7 500 students and staff members in tertiary institutions, secondary and primary schools through its visits to tertiary institutions and "School Programme" respectively. The visits received positive feedback.

In 2017-18, IPCC produced a biliterate and trilingual corporate video to enable the public to better understand the work of IPCC and the two-tier police complaints system. The video was broadcast on online platforms and shown during stakeholders engagements. In addition, IPCC organised a "School Programme Logo and Slogan Design Competition" in 2018-19 with around 500 submissions received. The award presentation ceremony was held on 10 March 2019.

IPCC’s expenditures on publicity and promotion-related items in the past 3 years are tabulated as follows:

Expenditure items	2016-17 (’000)	2017-18 (’000)	2018-19 (’000) (as at 31 Jan)
IPCC Annual Report, Newsletter, booklet and leaflet	184	204	261
News monitoring service	197	209	257
Public opinion survey	168	192	202
Stakeholder engagement	6	306	384
Media liaison	72	79	113
Others	-	7	7
Total	627	997	1,224

The estimated recurrent expenditure on publicity and promotional activities in 2019-20 is \$1.4 million, which is mainly for expanding the “School Programme” and reaching out to stakeholders from different sectors with a focus on young people. To enhance public understanding of the Council’s work, IPCC will also produce a TV drama series of five to six episodes to be broadcast on free local TV channel(s) with a one-off provision of \$7.8 million.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SB488

(Question Serial No. 4095)

Head: (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (4) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer: Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Of the increased provision for 2019-20 as compared with the revised estimate for 2018-19, how much is for strengthening the capability of the Vetting Team? How will the increased provision be allocated and used?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

The rise in provision for 2019–20, as compared to the revised estimate for 2018–19, is mainly due to the increase in funding for additional staff to strengthen the capability of the Research and Vetting Teams, enhance IT support, publicity and promotion, and a one-off expenditure of \$7.8 million in 2019–20 for production of a new series of IPCC TV drama. The additional posts of IPCC in 2019-20 include 1 Senior Manager (Information Technology), 1 Vetting Officer, 1 Research Officer, 1 Manager (Public Relations), 1 Public Relations Officer, 1 Information Technology Officer and 2 Corporate Services Officers, and involve a spending of about \$7.85 million.

The Vetting Team's main functions are to monitor and review the Reportable Complaints handled and investigated by the Commissioner of Police. The additional Vetting Officer will assist in reviewing the vetting process and guidelines with a view to developing a better model of operation to enhance efficiency.

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SB489

(Question Serial No. 4096)

Head: (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (5) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer: Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

How many additional staff will be required with the increased provision for 2019-20?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The additional staff of IPCC in 2019-20 include 1 Senior Manager (Information Technology), 1 Vetting Officer, 1 Research Officer, 1 Manager (Public Relations), 1 Public Relations Officer, 1 Information Technology Officer and 2 Corporate Services Officers.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

SB490

(Question Serial No. 4126)

Head: (121) Independent Police Complaints Council

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (6) Police Complaints Administration

Controlling Officer: Secretary-General, Independent Police Complaints Council
(Richard YU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

What is the purpose of producing a new series of TV drama, the estimated expenditure and the broadcasting channel?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 100)

Reply:

The new series of IPCC TV drama will consist of 5 to 6 episodes, each of 21 minutes' duration with contents based on real complaint cases. The estimated expenditure is about \$7.8 million. The new TV series aims to illustrate the operation of the two-tier police complaints system in Hong Kong with a view to deepening public understanding of the principles and procedures being adopted by IPCC in vetting complaint investigation reports. The full version of the new series will be broadcast on free local TV channel(s), and uploaded to IPCC's official website and YouTube channel. There is also a highlight version of the series which will be shown during IPCC's school visits under the "School Programme" and meetings with other stakeholders.

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