

Press Release
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IPCC TO RELEASE 2009/10 REPORT

The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) today releases the 2009/10 Report, its first Report after incorporation. To tie in with the IPCC Ordinance, IPCC's reporting cycle has been changed from calendar year basis to financial year ending 31 March. As a transitional arrangement, this Report therefore covers 15 months, from January 2009 to March 2010.

In 2009, IPCC reviewed and endorsed the findings of 3,025 complaint cases investigated by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of the Hong Kong Police Force, involving 5,055 allegations, an increase of 17.6% and 11.8% respectively over 2008. In the first quarter of 2010, the findings of 1,218 cases involving 2,225 allegations were endorsed, an increase of 61% and 76% over the pro-rata period in 2009.

During the 15 months, the three most common allegations were Neglect of Duty (with 1,997 counts in 2009 and 963 counts in the first quarter of 2010), Misconduct/ Improper Manner/ Offensive Language (with 1,935 counts in 2009 and 808 counts in the first quarter of 2010), and Assault (with 436 counts in 2009 and 182 counts in the first quarter of 2010). These three types of allegations accounted for 86.4% and 87.8% of all allegations made in 2009 and in the first quarter of 2010 respectively.

In 2009, 1,194 allegations were fully investigated; and in the first quarter of 2010, 672 allegations were fully investigated. The substantiation rate was 14.2% in 2009 and 16.2% in the first quarter of 2010.

During the 15 months, IPCC raised nearly 3,000 queries or suggestions on CAPO's investigations. As a result of such queries, the classification of 234 allegations was changed from that earlier concluded by the Police.

During the same period, more than 2,200 observations were also conducted on CAPO's investigation into individual complaint cases to ensure that investigation is conducted in a thorough and impartial manner.

Please visit IPCC Website (www.ipcc.gov.hk) to read the “Report of IPCC 2009/10” on-line for more details of our work last year.

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IPCC is an independent body to observe, monitor and review the handling and investigation of reportable complaints against the Police by the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) of the Hong Kong Police Force. Following the coming into operation of the IPCC Ordinance (Cap 604) on 1 June 2009, IPCC has been operating as a statutory body with effect from the same date.

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