



***Press release***

**IPCC holds a special in-house meeting to discuss a complaint case involving the alleged assault by a Police Superintendent**

(HONG KONG – 22 July 2015) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is holding a special in-house meeting tonight, the purpose of which is to follow up on the Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO)'s reply to the IPCC's decision in regards to the complaint case involving the alleged assault by a Police Superintendent during the discharge of his duties in Mong Kok last November.

This meeting is convened in response to a number of Council Members indicating that they wish to deliberate on the issues in relation to the CAPO's latest reply on 17 July to the complaint case in question (please refer to the chronology of the IPCC's work below). According to Regulation 11(3), (5) and (6) of the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (Cap. 604, Laws of Hong Kong) Schedule 1, although matters may be discussed without holding a meeting, as soon as some Members have, by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary-General, requested that a matter is to be resolved at a meeting, the matter must be so resolved. The Secretariat further recommended that such a meeting should be held on or before 23 July.

In regards to a Member's request to convene a meeting, because his request did not meet the requirements stipulated in the abovementioned provisions, it has not been accepted, and this Member has been notified accordingly.

Since the procedures relating to the handling of this case have yet to be completed, the details of the case and the content of the meeting will not be disclosed at this stage to avoid affecting the Council's impartiality.

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## Chronology of the IPCC's work

Date	Particulars
20 May	IPCC received CAPO's investigation report on this case
9 June	IPCC raised a query to CAPO based on the report contents
18 June	IPCC received CAPO's reply
23 June	IPCC held a Serious Complaints Committee meeting to discuss the case details
30 June	IPCC and CAPO held a working level meeting for both sides to state their views
7 July	IPCC received supplementary information from CAPO and an amended investigation report
10 July	IPCC called a special in-house meeting to discuss this case
17 July	IPCC Secretariat received CAPO's reply and reported the case's latest developments to all Council Members via email
20 July	Relevant documents (including CAPO's reply, the amended investigation report and the Secretariat's analysis document) to be circulated to all Council Members
22 July	IPCC called another special in-house meeting to discuss CAPO's latest reply

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#### 11. Determination of matters at Council meetings

(1) A matter for determination at a meeting of the Council must be decided by a majority of the votes of the members of the Council present and voting on that matter.

(2) If there is an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting has a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

(3) Subject to subsection (5), anything that may be done at a meeting of the Council may be done by circulation of papers to all members of the Council without a meeting.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a written resolution that is approved by a majority of all members of the Council is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Council by the votes of the members so approving.

(5) If any member of the Council requests by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary-General that a matter referred to in the papers circulated under subsection (3) be determined at a meeting of the Council, the matter must be so determined.

(6) For the avoidance of doubt, a reference to circulation of papers in this section includes circulation of information by electronic means, and a reference to the papers in this section must be construed accordingly.

**Notes to editor:**

**About the Independent Police Complaints Council**

The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) is an independent body established under the Independent Police Complaints Council Ordinance (IPCCO) (Cap. 604) to observe, monitor and review the handling and investigation of reportable complaints (RCs) against the Police by the Commissioner of Police (CP). The IPCC has become a statutory body since the commencement of IPCCO on 1 June 2009.