



Press Release

**IPCC releases its 2016/17 Report –
Committed to enhancing efficiency and transparency**

(HONG KONG – 6 December 2017) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) today released its 2016/17 Report, the eighth report since it had become an independent statutory body in June 2009.

During the reporting period of 2016/17, the IPCC received reports from Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) on the investigations of 1,567 new cases, leveling off that of the previous year. In the same period, the IPCC endorsed 1,550 complaint cases with a year-on-year drop of approximately 13%. The allegations endorsed by the IPCC saw a year-on-year decrease of around 16.5%, totaling 2,807. The three most common allegations were “Neglect of Duty” (1,285 counts, 45.8%), “Misconduct/ Improper Manner/ Offensive Language” (998 counts, 35.5%) and “Assault” (245 counts, 8.7%).

“To improve the efficiency of case handling, we increased the frequency of working level meeting between IPCC Members and CAPO from once every three months to once every two months. As a result, the time required for reviewing complaint cases was shortened by 11 days during the reporting period, from an average of 144 days in the previous year to this year’s 133 days.” said Mr Larry Kwok Lam-kwong, Chairman of the IPCC.

The IPCC is committed to discharging its monitoring functions and ensuring a fair and impartial classification of investigation results for all complaint allegations. During the reporting period, a total of 209 allegations were reclassified which accounted for an increase of 60% year-on-year. 21 out of 209 allegations were reclassified as “Substantiated” and nine of them were reclassified as “Not Fully Substantiated”. Among the investigation results endorsed by the IPCC, 99 allegations were classified as “Substantiated”, “Substantiated Other Than Reported” or “Not Fully Substantiated”. Similar to the previous year, majority of the allegations were related to “Neglect of Duty”. However, it is worth mentioning that a sharp increase in the number of allegations classified as “False” (a total of 73 counts) has been registered, which represents an upsurge of 43% compared to that of previous year. (Please refer to Annex I for more statistics)

Mr Richard Yu, Secretary-General of the IPCC stated that, “With the figure of “False” represents 7.8% of the total number of allegations requiring full investigation, we hope the public understand that, when making complaints, rights and responsibilities are equally important. Therefore, a Complainant should ensure all information provided is true and accurate when executing his / her civil rights to safeguard the effectiveness of Hong Kong’s police complaints system. The IPCC wishes to remind the public that if any person is found to have falsified a complaint or given false information misleading police or causing wasteful employment of police, s/he may be prosecuted for the relevant offences depending on the evidence available and advice from the Department of Justice.”

During the reporting period, the IPCC has been actively communicating with a wider community to enhance the public understanding of its statutory duties. Through the school pilot programme and interactive discussion of cases, the IPCC shared with secondary and primary school students its work and the principles of reviewing complaint cases, as well as inviting attending teachers and students to express their opinion at the discussion sessions. These communication activities were well received. The Council also visited the Fight Crime Committees and District Principals’ Associations, introducing the two-tier police complaints system as well as the work of the IPCC. To further enhance the Council’s transparency, a “Chairman’s column” and a “Case sharing column” have been introduced to IPCC website to provide updated information on IPCC work, complaint handling procedures and complaint cases.

The IPCC Chairman Mr Kwok concluded that, “In the coming year, the Council will continue to enhance the vetting procedures and efficiency in processing complaints. At the same time, we will deepen the investigation work and improve the quality of complaint reviews by putting more effort in our research work. Externally, we will continue to reach out, listen and communicate so as to promote exchange with various stakeholders. Furthermore, IPCC will release more information through the online platform to discharge our statutory functions and uphold a fair and impartial police complaints system.”

The IPCC Report 2016/17, released today, is available on the IPCC website:
http://www.ipcc.gov.hk/en/publications/annual_report/2016.html

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Independent Police Complaints Council Report 2016/17

數字摘要 Fact Sheet

通過及接獲的須匯報投訴個案數字

Number of Reportable Complaint cases endorsed and received

| <u>p.40</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|---|-------------------|---------|
| 接獲的須匯報投訴個案 Reportable Complaint cases received | 1,567 (↓0.3%) | 1,572 |
| 通過的須匯報投訴個案 Reportable Complaint cases endorsed | 1,550 (↓13.1%) | 1,784 |

監警會通過的指控 Allegations endorsed by the IPCC

| <u>p.41</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 指控總數 Total number of allegations | 2,807 (↓16.5%) | 3,360 |

其中主要的三項指控 Three major allegations

| <u>p.41</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|--|-------------------|---------|
| 疏忽職守 Neglect of Duty | 1,285 (↓15.9%) | 1,528 |
| 行為不當／態度欠佳／粗言穢語 Misconduct/ Improper Manner/ Offensive Language | 998 (↓9.8%) | 1,107 |
| 毆打 Assault | 245 (↓29.2%) | 346 |

監警會通過的調查結果 Investigation results of allegations endorsed by the IPCC

| <u>p.43</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|--|--------------------------|---------|
| 獲證明屬實 Substantiated | 49 (↓39.5%) | 81 |
| 未經舉報但證明屬實 Substantiated Other Than Reported | 40 (↓33.3%) | 60 |
| 無法完全證明屬實 Not Fully Substantiated | 10 (↓54.5%) | 22 |
| 虛假不確 False | 73 (↑43.1%) | 51 |
| 無法追查 Not Pursuable | 1,014 (↓16.4%) | 1,213 |

警方就監警會通過的投訴個案向違規的警務人員採取的行動

Police actions taken against defaulting officers in cases endorsed by the IPCC

| <u>p.46</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 刑事訴訟 Criminal proceedings | 0 | 1 |
| 紀律處分 Disciplinary proceedings | 9 | 15 |
| 警告 Warnings | 18 | 35 |
| 訓諭 Advice | 62 | 109 |
| 總數 Total | 89 | 160 |

監警會進行會面的數字 Number of IPCC Interviews conducted

| <u>p.47</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|--|----------|---------|
| 涉及的須匯報投訴個案 Number of Reportable Complaint cases involved | 3 | 1 |
| 出席會面的人數 Number of persons attending interviews | 3 | 2 |

監警會就改善警隊常規和程序提出的建議

Suggestions provided by the IPCC in respect of recommended improvements to police practices and procedures

| <u>p.49</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 建議總數 Total number of suggestions | 10 | 17 |

監警會向投訴警察課提出的質詢

Queries raised by the IPCC to CAPO

| <u>p.49</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 質詢總數 Total number of Queries | 994 | 793 |

監警會通過的再分類調查結果

Change of investigation classification endorsed by the IPCC

| <u>p.51</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 指控總數 Total number of allegations | 209 | 132 |

觀察數字及觀察員出席率

Number of observations and attendance rate of IPCC Observers

| <u>p.54&55</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 觀察數字 Number of observations | 1,817 | 1,704 |
| 出席率 Attendance rate | 87.9% | 88.4% |

須知會投訴個案數字 Number of Notifiable Complaint cases

| <u>p.55</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|--|---------|---------|
| 經監警會審核的須知會投訴個案 Notifiable Complaint cases examined by the IPCC | 729 | 479 |
| 重新歸類為須匯報投訴 Cases re-categorised as Reportable Complaints | 6 | 3 |

表達不滿機制的個案數字 Number of EDM cases

| <u>p.56</u> | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|--|---------|---------|
| 經監警會審核的表達不滿機制個案 EDM cases examined by the IPCC | 1,229 | 1,331 |
| 重新歸類為須匯報投訴 Cases re-categorised as Reportable Complaints | 18 | 10 |
| 重新歸類為須知會投訴 Cases re-categorised as Notifiable Complaints | 1 | 0 |

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