

## *Press Release*

### IPCC releases its 2015/16 Report – Improvement suggestions help prevent and reduce complaints

(HONG KONG – 7 December 2016) The Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) today released its 2015/16 Report, the seventh report since it had become an independent statutory body in June 2009.

“In the aftermath of the Occupy Movement, public order events and confrontations between the Police and citizens still arose throughout the past year. Although the number of complaints against the Police has dropped, the complexity of these cases and more often the attention drawn by the community on them brought a lot of challenges to the IPCC’s work,” said Mr Larry Kwok, Chairman of the IPCC.

During the reporting period of 2015/16, the IPCC received reports from Complaints Against Police Office (CAPO) on the investigations of 1,572 new cases, 27% less than that of the previous year, marking a reduction for the second consecutive year. In the same period, the IPCC endorsed 1,784 complaint cases with a year-on-year drop of approximately 20%. The allegations endorsed by the IPCC saw a year-on-year decrease of around 18%, totaling 3,360. The three most common allegations were “Neglect of Duty” (1,528 counts, 45.5%), “Misconduct/ Improper Manner/ Offensive Language” (1,107 counts, 32.9%) and “Assault” (346 counts, 10.3%).

In the investigation results endorsed by the IPCC, 163 allegations were classified as “Substantiated”, “Substantiated Other Than Reported” or “Not Fully Substantiated”. These three classifications, indicating different degrees of misconduct committed by police officers, accounted for approximately 5% of all allegations, representing a slight increase of about 1% compared to that of last year. Besides, the 1,213 allegations classified under “Not Pursuable” made up the largest share of the total endorsed investigations results at about 36%. It is worth to note that there is an upward trend in this figure in recent years. (*Please refer to Annex I for more statistics*)

Mr Richard Yu, Secretary-General of the IPCC, said, “The Council recognized that most of the ‘Not Pursuable’ cases were untraceable as the complainants did not

provide valid contact methods when lodging complaints; or they failed to respond to CAPO's attempts to contact them by telephone, e-mail and post. It is hoped that the public will understand that while it is voluntary for the complainant to supply information, it would greatly assist CAPO and IPCC in handling complaints in a fair, just and efficient manner if the information provided was accurate and genuine."

In discharging one of its statutory functions in the IPCC Ordinance, the Council has also recommended improvements to police practices and procedures in this reporting period. Of the 17 improvements suggested by the IPCC, 10 were related to the handling of public order events and they were fully accepted by CAPO. These recommendations are conducive to rectifying any fault or deficiency in police procedures, thereby reducing potential complaints.

The Chairman of the IPCC, Mr Kwok further commented that, "The Council will continue to actively communicate with a wider community in the hope that the public will have a proper understanding of the statutory functions and vetting procedures of the IPCC. I would also like to thank all the serving and retired members as well as the Secretariat for their contribution to safeguard a fair and impartial police complaints system and to uphold IPCC's core values of independence, impartiality and integrity."

The *IPCC Report 2015/16*, released today, is available on the IPCC website:

[http://www.ipcc.gov.hk/en/publications/annual\\_report/2015.html](http://www.ipcc.gov.hk/en/publications/annual_report/2015.html)

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**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.

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數字摘要 Fact Sheet

通過及接獲的投訴個案數字 Number of complaint cases endorsed and received

<i>p.30</i>	2015/16	2014/15
通過的投訴個案 Complaint cases endorsed	<b>1784</b> (↓20.4%)	2241
接獲的投訴個案 Complaint cases received	<b>1572</b> (↓27.2%)	2159

監警會通過的指控 Allegations endorsed by IPCC

<i>p.31</i>	2015/16	2014/15
指控總數 Total number of allegations	<b>3360</b> (↓17.8%)	4088

其中主要的三項指控 Three major allegations

<i>p.31</i>	2015/16	2014/15
疏忽職守 Neglect of Duty	<b>1528</b> (↓26.6%)	2082
行為不當／態度欠佳／粗言穢語 Misconduct/Improper Manner/Offensive Language	<b>1107</b> (↓19.5%)	1376
毆打 Assault	<b>346</b> (↑18.9%)	291

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

<i>p.33</i>	2015/16	2014/15
獲證明屬實 Substantiated	<b>81</b> (↑6.6%)	76
未經舉報但證明屬實 Substantiated Other Than Reported	<b>60</b> (↑17.6%)	51
無法完全證明屬實 Not fully Substantiated	<b>22</b> (↓15.4%)	26
無法追查 Not Pursuable	<b>1213</b> (↑20.2%)	1009

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 IPCC**

<i>p.36</i>	2015/16	2014/15
紀律處分 Disciplinary proceedings	15	16
警告 Warnings	35	20
訓諭 Advice	108	121
總數 Total	158	157

觀察數字及觀察員出席率  
**Number of observations and attendance rate of IPCC Observers**

<i>p.38 &amp; p.41</i>	2015/16	2014/15
觀察數字 Number of observations	1704	2259
出席率 Attendance Rate	88.4%	79.3%

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

<i>p.42</i>	2015/16	2014/15
邀請會面的人數 Persons invited to interviews	2	5
出席會面的人數 Persons attending interviews	2	4

監警會就改善警隊常規和程序提出的建議  
**Suggestions provided by IPCC in respect of recommended improvements to police practices and procedures**

<i>p.49</i>	2015/16	2014/15
建議總數 Total number of suggestions	17	14
投訴警察課接受的建議 Number of suggestions accepted by CAPO	10	9

監警會通過的再分類調查結果

Change of investigation classification endorsed by the IPCC

<i>p.45</i>	2015/16	2014/15
指控總數 Total number of allegations	132	167

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