

ICAC Complaints Committee annual report tabled in LegCo

The 2022 Annual Report of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) Complaints Committee was tabled in the Legislative Council today (July 5). The report gives a summary of the Committee's work in 2022.

The Committee is tasked with the responsibility of monitoring the handling of non-criminal complaints against the ICAC and its officers. The Committee takes an independent view on the ICAC's investigation findings on the complaints received, reviews the ICAC's procedures which may lead to complaints, and makes recommendations for improvement.

In 2022, the Committee received 13 complaints involving 47 allegations against the ICAC or its officers. Among the allegations registered in 2022, 53 per cent were related to neglect of duties by ICAC officers, 24 per cent to abuse of power, 21 per cent to misconduct, and 2 per cent to inadequacies of ICAC procedures.

The ICAC submits investigation reports to the Committee after conducting full investigations on complaint cases, while assessment reports are submitted for complaints which do not warrant full investigation. During 2022, the Committee considered the investigation reports of 16 complaint cases received in 2021 or 2022. These complaints contained a total of 57 allegations. No allegation was found to be substantiated. In this year, the Committee also considered and endorsed two assessment reports. Preliminary assessment showed that the two cases were irrational complaint and repeated complaint previously disposed of through the Committee respectively, and the Committee agreed that no further investigative actions should be taken.

To further enhance the Committee members' understanding and knowledge about the operations of the enforcement work of the ICAC, they were invited to visit the ICAC Headquarters to observe its facilities and practices in October 2022.

The annual report of the Committee is available on the Administration Wing's website (www.admwing.gov.hk/eng/links/icac.html) and also at the ICAC's regional offices.