

## Police

### Questions for the Professional Standards and Inspection Directorate (PSID)

*(Please consider sending written response)*

1. When was the PSID established?
2. What are the resources (in terms of officers, expertise, funding and tools) allocated to the PSID?
3. Which type of **external activities** can be authorized for police officers by the PSID?
  - a. How many **authorizations** for external activities were granted to police officers since 2023?
4. What type of procedures (including internal and external channels) were established by the PSID for submitting whistleblowing complaints and follow up on the reports
  - a. In your opinion, why have no whistleblowing reports been filed so far?
5. Can you update on the number and type of **inspections** carried out by the PSID?
  - a. What are the reasons that can prompt an ex officio inspection?
  - b. What are the results of inspections carried out by the PSID?

The Directorate of Professional Standards, Control & Inspections was established on 03/03/2015. From 2018, with the establishment of the Police Internal Affairs Service, it was renamed as Directorate of Professional Standards & Inspections (PSID).

During the period January – December 2023, the members of PSID investigated a total number of 27 cases.

During the same period, two investigations were carried out concerning the Controls - Inspections undertaken by the Directors of Police Districts and their Assistants.

Also, within the mandate of the Directorate, 23 checks were carried out at Police Stations, Departments and Branches, including checks on police duties out of base, as well as 13 checks regarding the proper use of police vehicles.

Furthermore, the members of PSID, visited all the Units / Departments / Districts, for inspection, in 106 different cases, of the documents recommended for destruction by the respective Directors, following the provisions of Police Standing Order 1/45 (Destruction of Documents).

### Questions for the Police Internal Affairs (PIAS)

*(Please consider sending written response)*

1. What are the statistics concerning the financial crimes (including corruption) committed by police officers?
  - a. In terms of number, types of cases (including seniority of officers involved)
2. Since July 2023, what are the number and type **disciplinary cases**, the resources (human, financial and technical) and results of the Investigation of Allegations and Complaints against the Police (IAIACAP)?

The questions have been addressed during the Webex meeting.

Questions for the Financial police

*(Please consider sending written response)*

3. What is the status of the Financial Crime Investigation Office of the Police, in terms of human, technical and financial resources?

The Financial Crime Investigation Office was transformed in March 2021 as a Sub-Directorate. Today, it consists of a total of 29 members (24 specialized investigators and 5 accountants), since it was reinforced in 2023 with six additional investigators (3 investigators in June 2023 and 3 investigators in November 2023). The Financial Crime Sub-Directorate has all the necessary technical resources in order to be able to operate effectively. It does not have a separate budget but it uses the general budget of the Police. The Sub-Directorate is in the process for additional reinforcement in 2024. Specifically, it announced through a Police Circular that it accepts applications from qualified Police officers who wish to serve therein. The deadline for submitting applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.

Furthermore, there are two district financial crime investigation offices in Nicosia and in Limassol. The Nicosia office consists of 9 investigators and the Limassol office consists of 7 investigators.

4. What are the operations and results stemming from the reorganisation (into two branches, namely the Financial Crime Branch and the Financial Investigations Branch), in terms of cases received, opened, investigated or transmitted to the Attorney general office? In particular, what is the status of the and 12 cases remain pending for further investigation?

It is expected that the further reinforcement of the Financial Crime Sub-Directorate, will have a positive impact on the number of cases investigated per year, including parallel financial investigations, for the purposes of freezing and confiscation of illicit assets.

Regarding the 12 corruption cases that remained pending for further investigation at the end of 2022, 6 cases are still under investigation, 2 cases were transmitted to the Attorney's General Office for evaluation and further instructions, three cases were brought to court out of which one case was tried and two persons were convicted and the remaining two cases are pending trial. Also, one case was closed because it was established that no criminal offence was committed.