

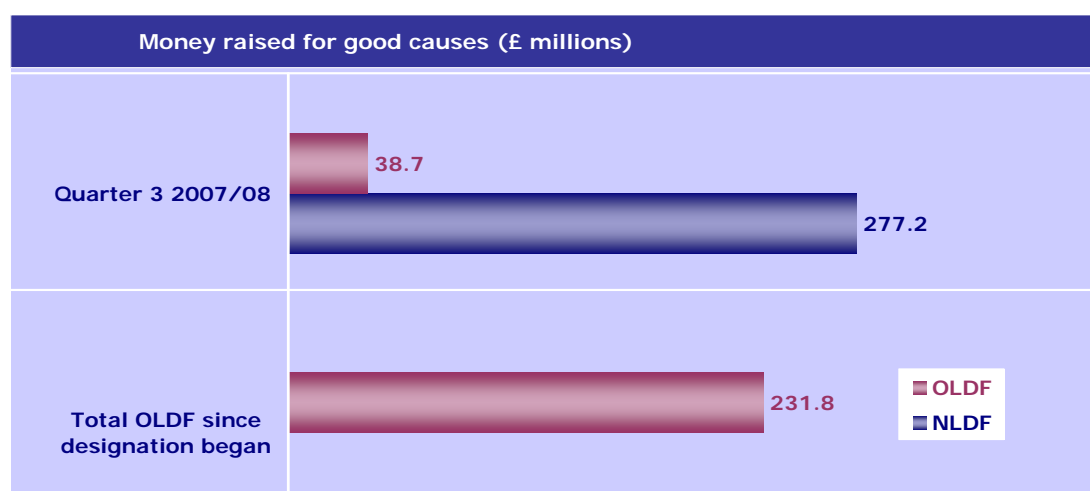
Funds for good causes

Reporting Period: Quarter 3, 2007/08

Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised well over £20 billion for good causes that include sports, arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment. In addition, National Lottery funding is contributing £2.175 billion towards the costs of staging the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, of which £750m will come from designated games¹.

Funds are raised from the sale of National Lottery games, and can be supplemented by unclaimed prizes and interest on balances of funds held. The funds for the original good causes are held in the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF), while funds for the staging of the 2012 Games are held in the Olympic Distribution Fund (OLDF). The NLC makes sure that payments from the Lottery operator into the NLDF and OLDF are accurate and on time.

OLDF and NLDF Raised in Quarter 3, 2007/08²



Comment

The OLDF and NLDF maintained a solid performance during Quarter 3. This was supported by a run of Lotto rollover activity, including a Triple Rollover. The OLDF continued to benefit from the increased number of OLDF-designated products launched during Quarter 2 and the seasonal scratchcard uplift, generated by the Christmas period. Interactive Instant Win Games have also experienced sustained steady growth, providing larger weekly returns for the OLDF.

Several new Interactive Instant Win Games were designated to the OLDF during this quarter:

Cash Vault, £100k Spooky, Firework Fortune, £100k Christmas, Winter Winner, Prize Puddings, Noughts and Crosses on Ice, Christmas Presents £70k, Paper Scissors Stone.

The following Scratchcards were also designated to the OLDF:
It's Christmas, Frosty Fortune, Chipmunk Champ, Simply 7s.

¹ Subject to Parliamentary approval

² These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 October and 31 December 2007. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.