

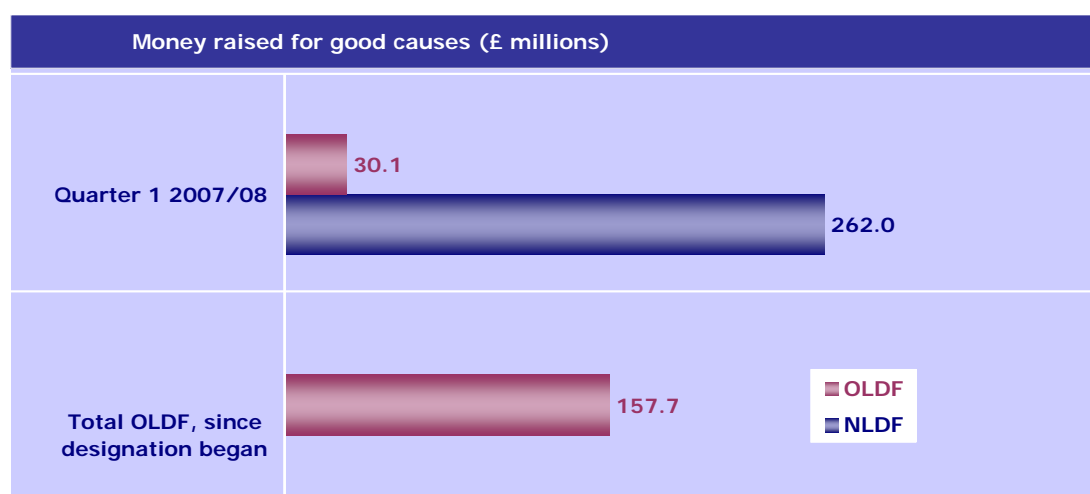
Funds for good causes

Reporting Period: Quarter 1, 2007/08

Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised 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 1, 2006/08²



Comment

Quarter 4 06/07 saw strong returns for both OLDF and NLDF due to a combination of a EuroMillions special event draw, Lotto rollovers and substantial sales from new OLDF-designated scratchcards. The returns yielded during Quarter 1 07/08 reflect a quieter period of activity in terms of portfolio events and new game designation, but proceeds remain in line with expectations.

Several new games were designated to the OLDF during this quarter, including the following Interactive Instant Win Games:

Rocks to Riches, Happy Birthday, Cash Burst, Hangman, Connect 4, Battleship Classic, Big Money, Lucky Leapers and Safari Prize Hunter.

The following Scratchcards were also designated to the OLDF:

Flamin Hot 7s and £100,000 Dark Green.

¹ Subject to Parliamentary approval

² These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 April and 30 June 2007/08. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.