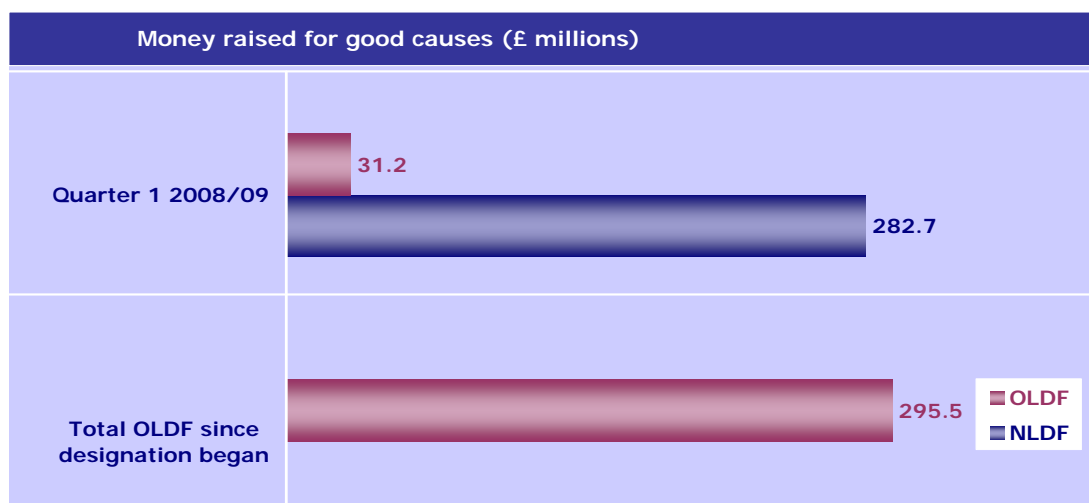


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Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised well over £21 billion for good causes that include sports, arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment. In addition, National Lottery funding is contributing £2.175 billion towards the costs of staging the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, of which £750m will come from designated games.

Funds are raised from the sale of National Lottery games, and are 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, 2008/09¹



Comment

NLDF returns during the first quarter were down by 10% on the previous quarter due to the exceptional performance of the EuroMillions Rolldown event and the Lotto triple rollover during the final quarter of 2007/08 fiscal. OLDF returns remain consistent with the previous quarter, due to a relatively flat performance from Interactive Instant Win Games and Dream Number, and the fact that fewer Olympic-designated scratchcards were launched during the quarter. Returns remain in line with the National Lottery Commission’s expectations and up on the corresponding quarter in 2007/08.

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

£100,000 Orange, Snakes and Ladders Lucky Gems, Money Motor, 7 Times Lucky, and Noughts and Crosses Scuba.

The following Scratchcards were also designated to the OLDF: Money Bags, Go For Gold, Winning 7s, and £100,000 Blue and Green.

¹ These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 April and 28 June 2008. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.