

Funds for good causes



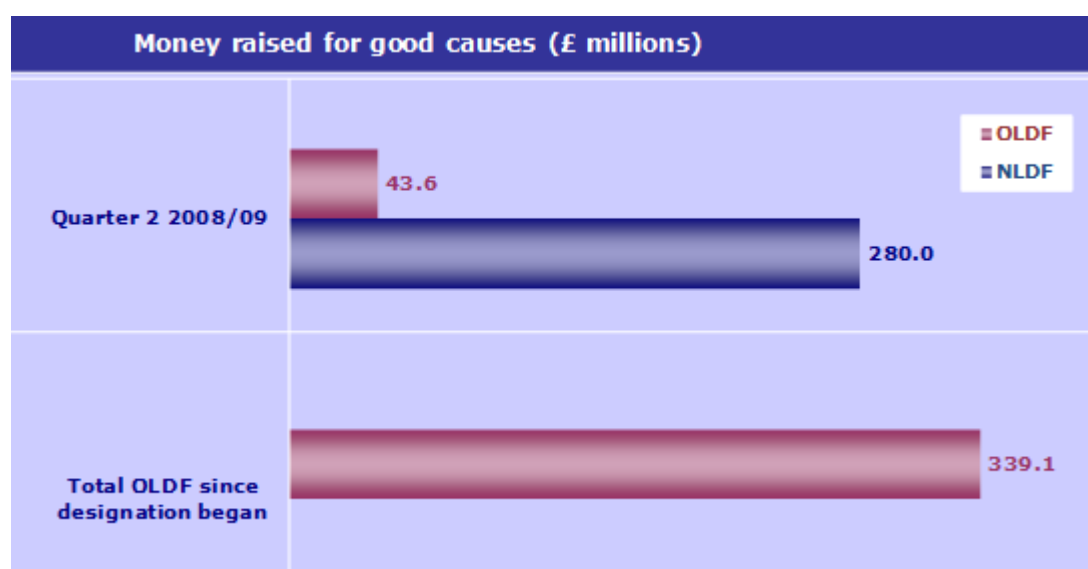
National Lottery
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Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised well over £22 billion for good causes that include sports, arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment. In addition, National Lottery funding 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 raised from designated games are held in the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund (OLDF). The Commission makes sure that payments from the Lottery operator into the NLDF and OLDF are accurate and on time.

OLDF and NLDF Raised in Quarter 2, 2008/09¹



Comment

OLDF returns during Quarter 2 were £43.6m – a higher figure than the previous quarter but in line with expectations. The period also experienced a significant level of positive press coverage surrounding the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. NLDF returns are consistent with Quarter 1.

Several new Interactive Instant Win Games, which have been designated as Olympic Lottery games were launched during this quarter:

Pictionary, Olympic Champions, Hit the Quackpot, Pluck a Duck, Crab the Cash, Hi-Lo Cash Machine, Cash Combination, Su-Dosh-Ku, Prize Goals, £100,000 Spooky, Noughts and Crosses, and Prize Doubler.

The following Scratchcards, which have been designated as Olympic Lottery games were also launched during this quarter:

Gold Gold Gold, £250,000 Black and High Card.

¹ These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 July and 27 September 2008. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.