

**Funds for good causes**

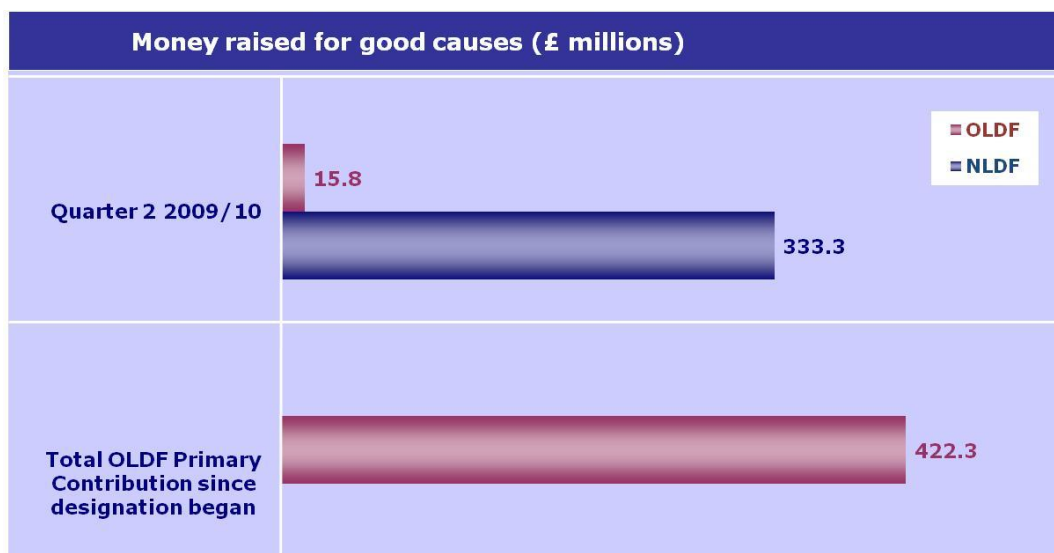
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Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £23 billion for good causes that include sports, arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment. In addition, National Lottery funding is contributing £2.175 billion towards the costs of staging the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, of which £750 million 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, 2009/10<sup>1</sup>**



**Comment**

OLDF returns during Quarter 2 were nearly £16 million – this was in line with expectations and means the National Lottery, having raised over £450 million to date from designated games, remains on target to achieve the £750 million total.

Thirteen new Interactive Instant Win Games, which have been designated as Olympic Lottery games were launched during this quarter: Cash Grid, Firework Fortune, Buried Treasure, Snakes and Ladders Lucky Gems, Pass the Pigs, £100K Spooky, Pot of Gold, Ghostville, Mousetrap, Strike it Rich, 10 Grand and Lucky Leapers.

Two new Olympic-designated Scratchcards will be launched in Quarter 3.

<sup>1</sup> These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 July and 30 September 2009. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.