

**Funds for good causes**

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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 3, 2008/09<sup>1</sup>**



**Comment**

OLDF returns during Quarter 3 were £27.3m – a lower figure than the previous quarter but in line with expectations and signalling good progress towards the funding target of £750 million.

Several new Interactive Instant Win Games, which have been designated as Olympic Lottery games were launched during this quarter: Firework Fortune, Ghostville, Scrabble, All Star Family Fortunes, Christmas Presents £70k, £100k Christmas, Prize Puddings, Winter Winner, Noughts and Crosses on Ice, Diamond Doubler, Uno, Prize Hunter.

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

The following Scratchcard, which has been designated as an Olympic Lottery game was also launched during this quarter:  
£100k Red and Orange.