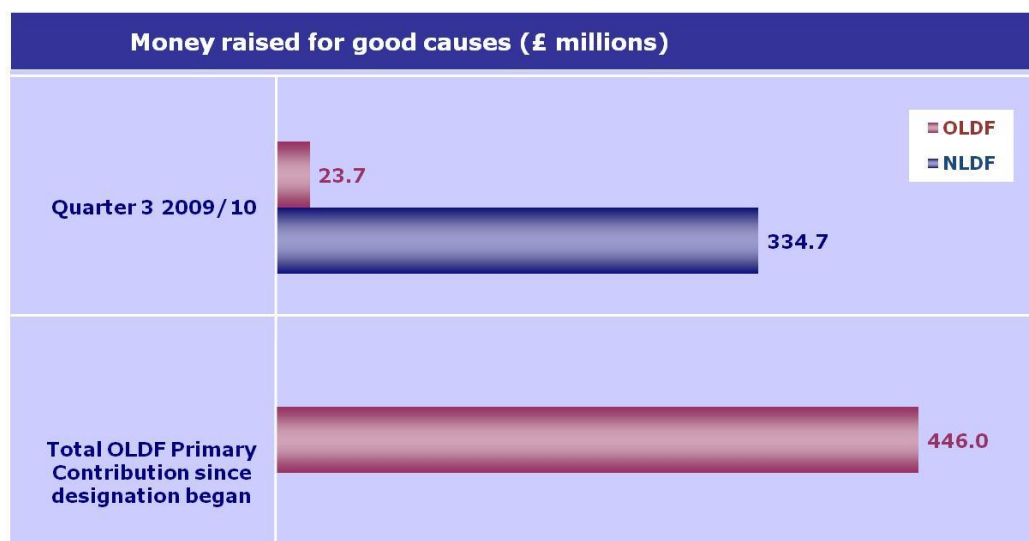


Reporting Period: Quarter 3, 2009/10

Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £24 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, 2009/10¹



Comment

OLDF returns during Quarter 3 were nearly £24m – this was in line with expectations and means the National Lottery, having raised over £450m to date from designated games, including unclaimed prizes, remains on target to achieve the £750m total.

Seven new Interactive Instant Win Games, which have been designated as Olympic Lottery games were launched during this quarter: Winning Words, Letter Quest, Catchphrase, Christmas Bonanza, Fairground Fortune, Noughts and Crosses on Ice and Golden Touch.

Four new Olympic-designated Scratchcards were launched in Quarter 3: Christmas Bonus, Reindeer Riches, Blazing 7s and Monster Money.

¹ These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 October and 31 December 2009. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005. Values are primary contributions only and do not include unclaimed prizes.