

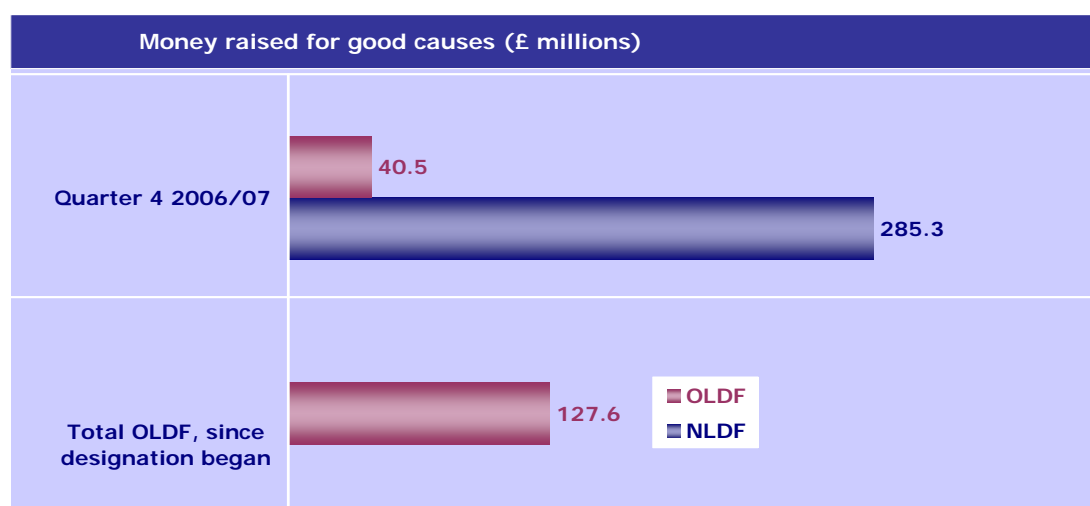
Funds for good causes

Reporting Period: Quarter 4, 2006/07

Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £20 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 over £2.1 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 can be 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 4, 2006/07¹



Comment

The level of funds raised for the OLDF increased by over 40% during Quarter 4 due to the strong performance of Olympic-designated Scratchcards and Interactive Instant Win Games. By contrast, proceeds going to the NLDF declined after the exceptional levels achieved in the previous quarter.

Several new games were designated to the OLDF during this quarter, including the following Interactive Instant Win Games: Spending Spree, Monopoly Gold, Lucky Leprechaun, Double Winning 7's, Pac man. The following Scratchcards were also designated to the OLDF: £100K Love, Be My Valentine, Big Money, Silver Winning 7s, Lucky Leprechaun, 7s above, Bee a Winner.

¹ These amounts relate to the funds received by the NLDF and OLDF between 1 January and 31 March 2006/07. Funds started being raised for the OLDF in July 2005.