

Funds raised for good causes

Income from game sales by quarter and versus last year

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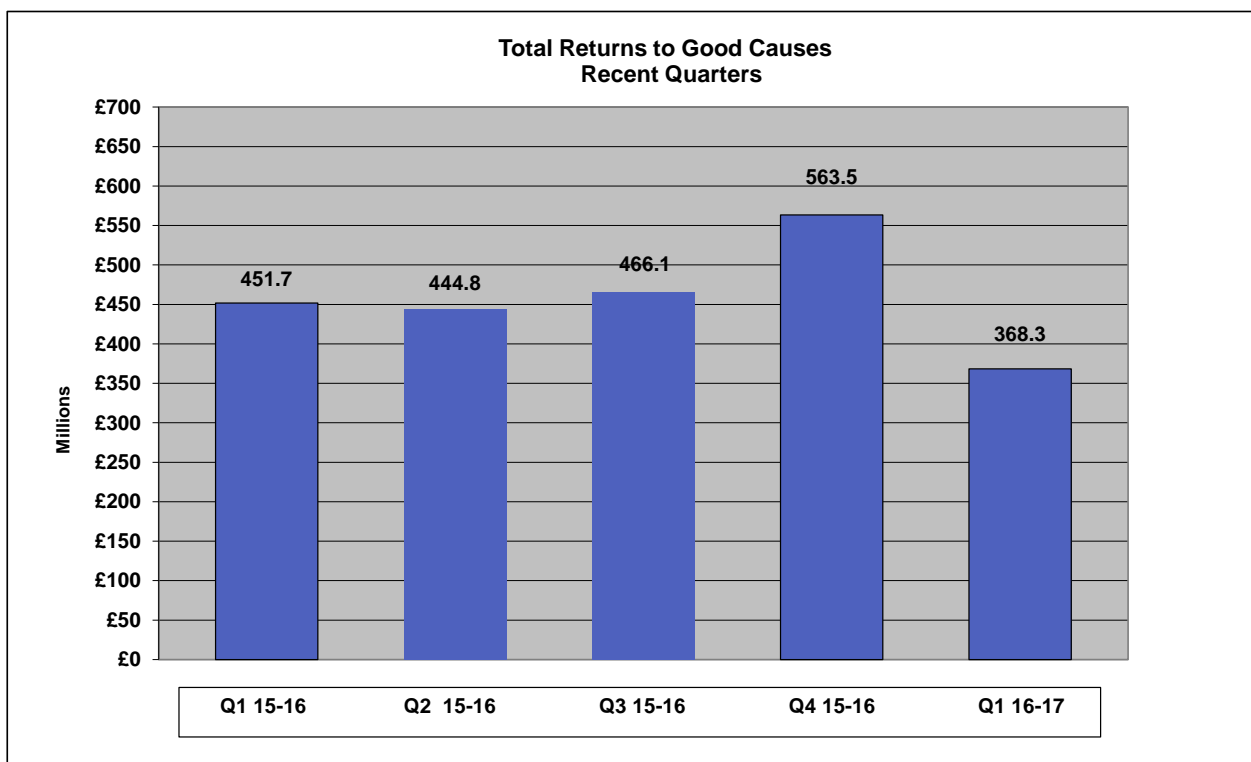
Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £35 billion for good causes that include sports (including Olympic athletes and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games), arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment.

Funds are raised from the sale of National Lottery games and 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). The Commission ensures that payments from the Lottery operator to the good causes are accurate and on time.

Total funds raised for good causes between Quarter 1 2015-16 and Quarter 1 2016-17¹

The chart below now shows the most recent quarter and the preceding four quarters for comparative purposes. For reporting purposes the number of weeks within the quarters vary according to the fall of financial year cut-off dates.

The total raised for the NLDF in Quarter 1 (April to June) was £368.3m. This was £195.2m (34.6%) below the January to March quarter's total and £83.4m (18.5%) below Quarter 1 in 2015-16:



¹ These amounts relate to the total value of proceeds from game sales raised for the NLDF in calendar quarters. Quarter 1 2016-17 comprises funds raised between 1 April and 25 June 2016. They include all other income and adjustments from game sales, including unclaimed prizes.

Commentary

The latest quarter's total was substantially below that of Quarter 4's record level of receipts (with Quarter 4 benefiting from a record Lotto Jackpot) due largely to lower weekly sales. Other contributory factors were:

- fewer draw days within the latest period under review, for example, 25 Lotto draws are included in Quarter 1 this year versus 26 in Quarter 4 last year
- comparatively higher prize payout to players from Lotto
- the size of the EuroMillions jackpot also failed to match those seen in Quarter 4.