

## Funds raised for good causes

### Income from game sales by quarter and versus last year

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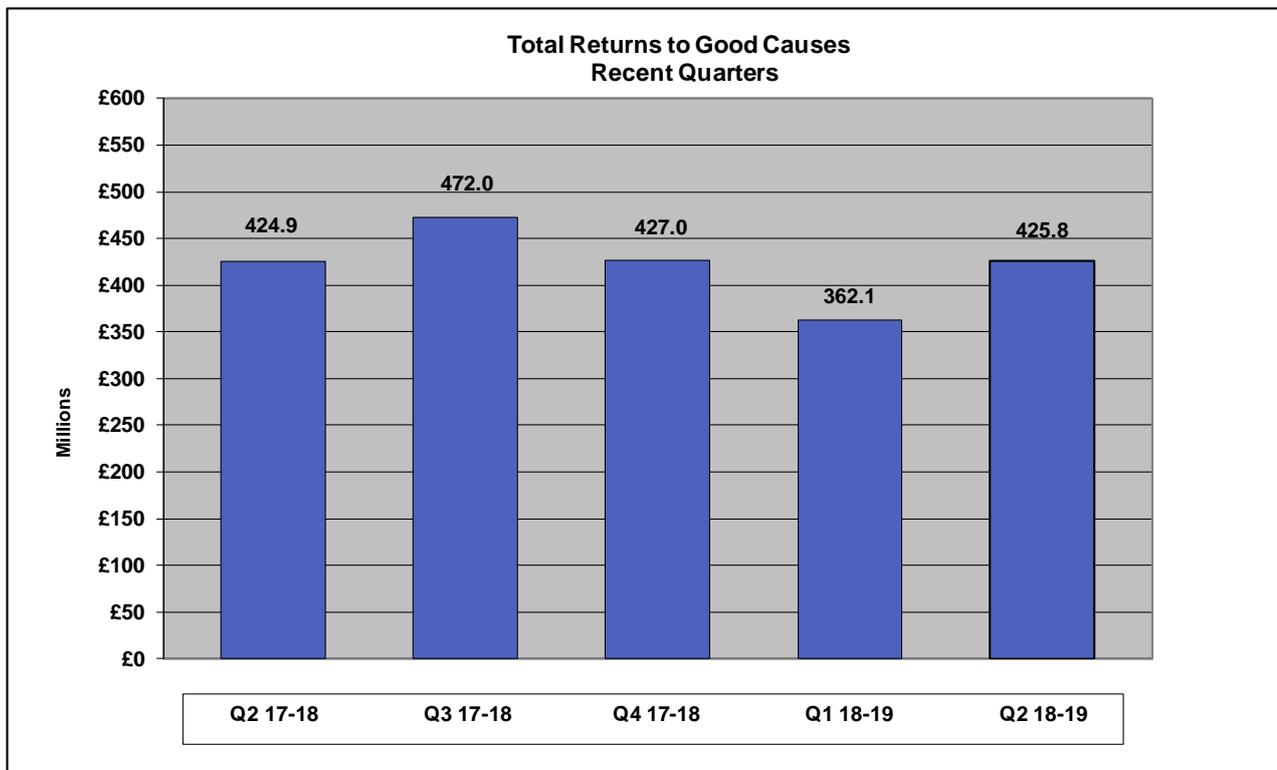
Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £39 billion for good causes that include sports (including Olympic athletes and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games), arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment.

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 2 2017-18 and Quarter 2 2018-19<sup>1</sup>

The chart below 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 cutoff dates.

The total raised for the NLDF in Quarter 2 (July to September) was £425.8m. This was £63.7m (17.6%) above the April to June quarter and £0.9m (0.2%) above Quarter 2 in 2017-18:



<sup>1</sup> These amounts relate to the total value of proceeds from game sales raised for the NLDF in approximate calendar quarters. Quarter 2 of 2018-19 comprises funds raised between 24 June and 29 September 2018. They include all other income and adjustments from game sales, including unclaimed prizes.



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## **Commentary**

The total for the second quarter of the current financial year was above that recorded in the first quarter and above the amount recorded in Quarter 2 last year.

Performance in Quarter 2 versus the first quarter of 2018-19 reflects a longer trading period (14 whole weeks versus only 12 covered in Quarter 1). There were higher average contributions from both of the main draw games due to both Lotto and EuroMillions jackpots reaching higher peak roll levels than in Quarter 1. There was also a further improvement in average sales and returns from instant win games (scratchcards and IIWGs).

Performance against Quarter 2 in 2017-18 was largely a result of additional income generated by the new Thunderball and EuroMillions HotPicks games launched at the end of 2017-18. Better year-on-year returns from EuroMillions and instant win games partially offset lower average Lotto returns.