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This document supersedes a previously published version. During the period concerned (relating to data published in the Q2 2017/18 to Q1 2018/19 updates), the Commission's approach to analysing quarterly data changed and therefore inconsistent information was presented on our website without explanation. The Commission changed its approach to ensure the periods reported are more comparable to each other. All documents concerned have now been updated to ensure consistent data is presented.

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Funds raised for good causes

Income from game sales by quarter and versus last year

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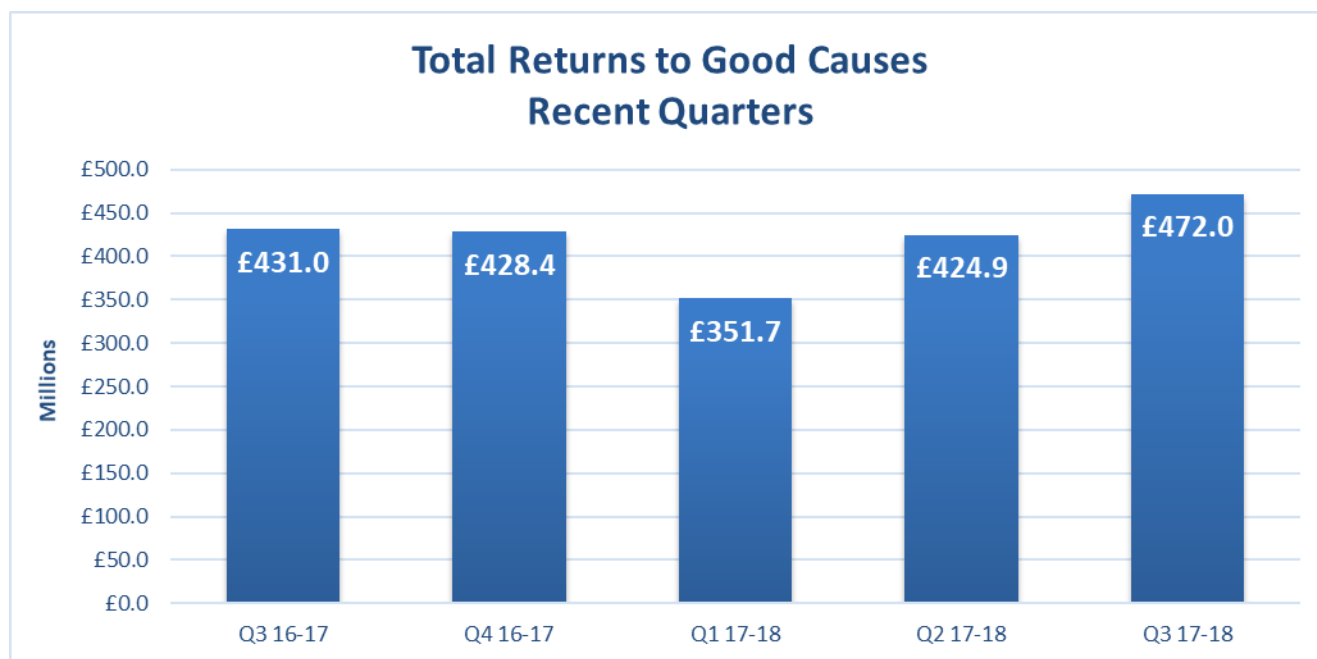
Since its launch in November 1994, the National Lottery has raised over £37 billion for good causes that include sports (including Olympic athletes and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games), arts and heritage, as well as health and education and the environment.

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 3 2016-17 and Quarter 3 2017-18¹

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 cutoff dates.

The total raised for the NLDF in Quarter 3 (October to December) was £472.0m. This was £47.1m (10%) above the July to September quarter's total and £41.0m (8.7%) above Quarter 3 in 2016-17:



¹ These amounts relate to the total value of proceeds from game sales raised for the NLDF in calendar quarters. They include all other income and adjustments from game sales, including unclaimed prizes.

Commentary

The total for the third quarter of the year was well above that recorded in the first and second quarters of 2017-18, and exceeded the amount recorded in the same quarter of 2016-17.

Stronger roll performances within both main draw games was a key driver of the difference in Quarter 3 compared to Quarter 2:

- There were two extended roll series in Lotto when the jackpot reached its capped level (versus none in the previous quarter).
- The EuroMillions jackpot also reached high levels on two occasions; to over £170m in early October and just under £120m during December.

Quarter 3 performance was also boosted by one-off items, with the NLDF receiving both the annual payment of unclaimed Scratchcard prizes and receipt of the final rebalancing repayment relating to the Lotto advance in 2013 (supporting the launch of the new game).