

Funds Raised for Good Causes

FY 2019-20 Q4



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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 £40 billion for good causes that include sports (including Olympic athletes), arts and heritage, as well as health, education and the environment.

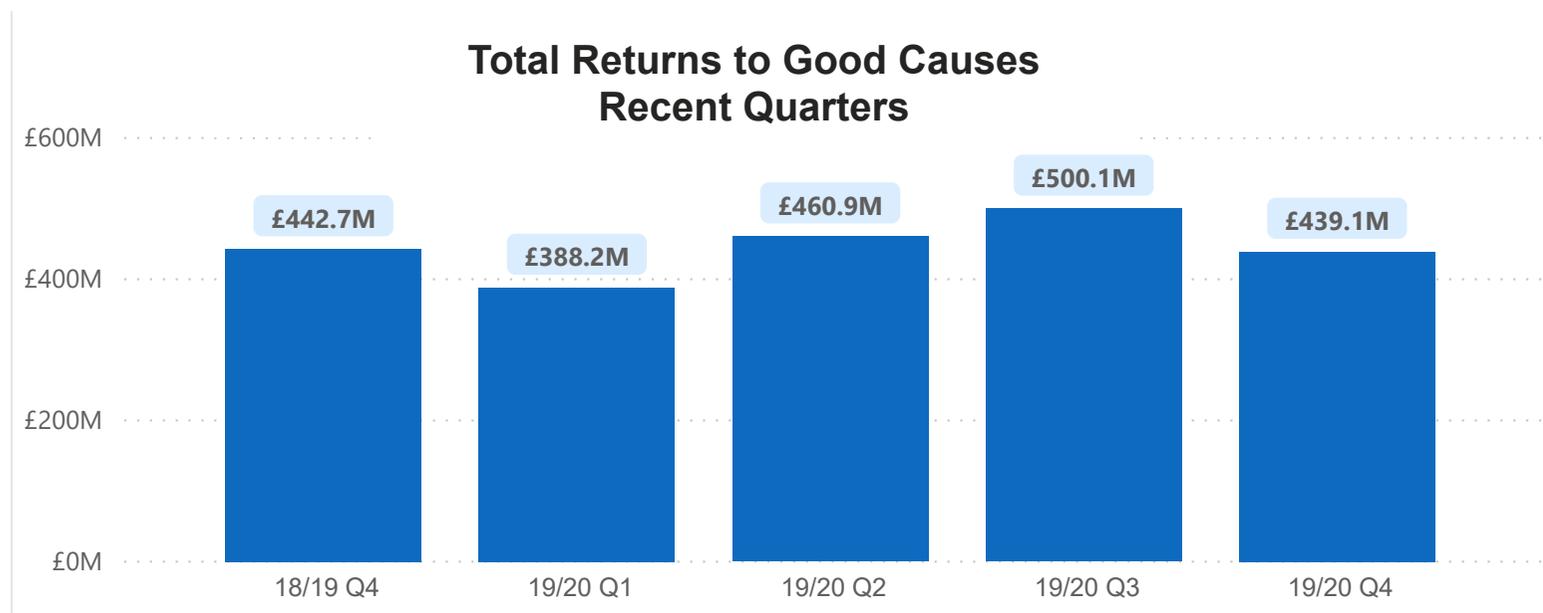
Funds are raised from the sale of National Lottery games and supplemented by unclaimed prizes and interest on balances of funds held. The funds for the original good causes are held in the National Lottery Distribution Fund (NLDF).

The Commission ensure that payments from the Lottery operator to the good causes are accurate and on time.

Total funds raised for good causes between Q4 FY 2018-19 and Q4 FY 2019-20 ¹

The chart below shows the most recent quarter and the preceding four quarters for comparative purposes. For consistency, each week's ending date must fall within the reporting quarter, therefore the number of weeks within the quarters may vary.

The total raised for the NLDF in Q4 (January to March) was £439.12M. This was -£60.94M (-12.2%) below the October to December quarter and -£3.6M (-0.8%) below Q4 in FY 2018-19. The last 5 quarters have generated £2.23bn to good causes.



¹ Amounts relate to total value of proceeds from game sales raised for the NLDF in approximate calendar quarters. Q4 of FY 2019-20 comprises funds raised between the week ending 4 January to the week ending 31 March. They include all other income and adjustments from game sales, including unclaimed prizes.



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Commentary

Total returns for the final quarter of the current financial year were lower than the previous quarter by around £60 million but remain broadly consistent with the previous four quarters. The decrease against Q3 is likely aided by the following:

- Overall, draw-based game sales were lower this quarter against the last at around -2%.
- Total unclaimed prizes added as returns to good causes is around 9% (£4.6m) less than the previous quarter.

There was also a notable drop in returns to good causes from Lotto and EuroMillions this quarter against the last.

- Lotto recorded £157m in Q3 and £145 million in Q4, an 8% decrease.
- Similarly, EuroMillions recorded £156m in Q3 and £129m in Q4, a significant decrease of 18%.