CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

Report of Analysis

QUARTERLY TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2009

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California State Controller

July 2009

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Joan M. Borucki, Director
California Lottery
600 North Tenth Street
Sacramento, California 95811

Dear Ms. Borucki:

The State Controller's Office analyzed the financial documentation supporting the California Lottery's (Lottery) transfer of funds to public education for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

The Lottery requested the transfer of $267,988,581 to the Lottery Education Fund for disbursement to public education. Our analysis determined that this amount was supported by the Lottery's accounting records. We also determined that no unexplained charges in accounts existed when compared with prior periods. On June 29, 2009, $267,988,581.85 was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund. The difference of $0.85 is due to rounding in prior quarters.

Our review disclosed that the Lottery's accounting records supported the requested transfer of $267,988,581 and that the Lottery is on target to comply with the annual statutory percentages for prizes, education, and administration.

If you have any questions, please call Andrew Finlayson, Chief, State Agency Audits Bureau, at (916) 324-6310.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

JEFFREY V. BROWNFIELD
Chief, Division of Audits

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Summary

In a letter dated May 15, 2009, the California Lottery (Lottery) requested that the State Controller's Office (SCO) transfer $267,988,581 to the Lottery Education Fund for disbursement to public education. Our review disclosed that the Lottery's accounting records supported this amount and that the Lottery is on target to comply with the annual statutory percentages for prizes, education, and administration. Our analysis did not disclose any unexplained changes in accounts compared with prior periods. Accordingly, on June 29, 2009, $267,988,581.85 was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund. The difference of $0.85 is due to rounding in prior quarters.

Introduction

This report presents the results of our analysis of the Lottery's quarterly request that the SCO transfer funds to public education. This analysis is part of our responsibility under the California State Lottery Act (Lottery Act). We performed this analysis to determine if the transfer of funds to public education was supported by amounts recorded in the Lottery's accounting records and to determine whether the Lottery is on target to comply with the annual Lottery Education Fund allocation requirements contained in the Lottery Act.

Background

In 1984, California voters passed an initiative, which, by amending the State Constitution, authorized a state-operated lottery. The initiative created the Lottery Act, which requires the quarterly transfer of net revenues to public education, and established the allocation percentages for lottery funds. The Lottery Act also requires the SCO to conduct quarterly and annual post-audits of all accounts and transactions of the California Lottery Commission and other special post-audits as the State Controller deems necessary.

Each quarter, the Lottery requests that the SCO transfer net revenues to public education (see Attachment). The Lottery request usually occurs eight to ten weeks after the close of the quarter.

Objectives, Scope, and Methodology

We perform this analysis of the quarterly transfer of funds to public education in order to determine whether:

- Transfer amounts are supported by the Lottery's accounting records; and
- The Lottery is on target to meet the annual allocation requirements specified in the Lottery Act.

We traced the transfer amount to Lottery financial statements and accounting records, and applied analytical review procedures to the lottery fund accounts by comparing them with those from the prior quarter and the prior year. To monitor progress in meeting the annual statutory requirements, we reviewed the actual costs for prizes and administration, as well as the quarterly fund transfer to public education.

Results

After reviewing the Lottery's unaudited financial statements and supporting records for the quarter ended March 31, 2009, we determined that the Lottery's request to transfer $267,988,581 to the Lottery Education Fund is supported by formal accounting records.

According to the unaudited financial statements, the total amount available for transfer to education was $777,976,301 for the for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2009. Of this amount, $260,210,316 (an additional $3,609,618 of adjustments was transferred that was related to the fourth quarter 2007-08 fiscal year) was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund on December 30, 2008, and $249,777,404 was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund on March 30, 2009, leaving a balance of $267,988,581. This balance was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund on June 29, 2009.

The amount transferred to public education was 34.20% of the total revenue for the quarter. The Lottery Act requires the Lottery to transfer at least 34% of the total annual revenue to the benefit of public education. All other income and unclaimed prizes were transferred to public education.

The Lottery complied with the statutory requirement that administrative expenses not exceed 16% of sales. Administrative expenses for the quarter were 12.81% of sales. To the extent that expenses are less than 16% of total annual revenues, the Lottery Act requires the surplus funds to be allocated to benefit public education. The surplus administrative funds were used to increase the prizes to the public.

Original signed by

JEFFREY V. BROWNFIELD
Chief, Division of Audits

July 31, 2009

Schedule 1—
Summary of Lottery Transfers and Status of Compliance with Statutory Requirements

	Quarter Ended							
Fiscal Year 2008-09	**09/30/2008**	**%**	**12/31/2008**	**%**	**03/31/2009**	**%**	**06/30/2009**	**%**
Sales [1]	$ 755,999,049	100.00%	$ 1,464,063,575	100.00%	$ 2,208,959,936	100.00%	$	
Prizes	$ 406,906,177	53.82%	$ 783,073,238	53.49%	$ 1,170,457,861	52.99%	$	
Administration	$ 97,556,880	12.91%	$ 186,963,275	12.77%	$ 282,915,271	12.81%	$	
Available for Education	$ 251,535,992	33.27%	$ 494,027,062	33.74%	$ 755,586,804	34.20%	$	
Other Income [2]	8,674,324		15,960,658		22,389,497			
Adjustment	3,609,618 [5]		—		—			
Transfer to Education	$ 263,819,934		$ 509,987,720		$ 777,976,301		$	

	Quarter Ended							
Fiscal Year 2007-08	**09/30/2007**	**%**	**12/31/2007**	**%**	**03/31/2008**	**%**	**06/30/2008**	**%**
Sales [1]	$ 827,465,875	100.00%	$ 1,568,732,800	100.00%	$ 2,359,593,377	100.00%	$ 3,049,620,915	100.00%
Prizes	$ 439,733,766	53.14%	$ 838,191,741	53.44%	$ 1,260,396,296	53.42%	$ 1,619,473,498	53.10%
Administration	$ 95,226,483	11.51%	$ 183,456,973	11.69%	$ 278,729,972	11.81%	$ 380,245,309	12.47%
Available for Education	$ 292,505,626	35.35%	$ 547,084,086	34.87%	$ 820,467,109	34.77%	$ 1,049,902,108	34.43%
Other Income [2]	14,163,923		25,392,692		36,868,582		45,043,201	
Adjustment	3,997,089 [3]		—		—		—	
Adjustment	14,063,700 [4]		—		—		—	
Adjustment	—		—		—		(3,609,618) [5]	
Transfer to Education	$ 324,730,338		$ 572,476,778		$ 857,335,691		$ 1,091,335,691	

Annual Statutory Requirements

Prizes = Approximately 50% of sales
Administration = No more than 16% of sales
Available for education = At least 34% of sales
Other income = 100% due to education

Note: The actual percentage allocation is computed on an annual basis when determining whether the Lottery has met the allocation requirements. The percentages shown above indicate the Lottery's year-to-date progress toward meeting these requirements.

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[1] Quarterly amounts represent fiscal year-to-date totals.

[2] Includes interest income, other income, and unclaimed prizes.

[3] The amount represents the $3,997,089 withheld in the fourth quarter of FY 2006-07, pending the financial audit and resolution of accounting issues.

[4] The amount represents the $14,063,700 audit adjustment for the fourth quarter FY 2006-07, due to reduction in on-line direct ticket costs.

[5] This amount represents the $3,609,618 withheld in the fourth quarter of FY 2007-08, pending the financial audit and resolution of accounting issues.

Attachment—
California Lottery's
Transfer Request of May 15, 2009

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May 15, 2009

Mr. Michael Havey, Chief
Division of Accounting and Reporting
State Controller's Office
3301 C Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Mr. Havey:

The California State Lottery requests that you transfer to the Lottery Education Fund for disbursement to the education community $267,988,581. This figure represents:

Operating income for the nine months ended March 31, 2009	$ 755,586,804
SMIF interest earned	7,106,348
Other Income	336,642
Unclaimed prizes	14,946,507
	$ 777,976,301
Less: Transfer for the six months ended December 31, 2008	$ 509,987,720
	$ 267,988,581

We have attached a copy of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for the nine months ended March 31, 2009, prepared from books without audit, for your files.

Sincerely,

Michael Ota

Michael Ota, Deputy Director
Finance Division

Attachment
cc: Joan Borucki, Director

CALIFORNIA STATE LOTTERY FUND
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
For the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2009

Lottery sales	$2,208,959,936
Prizes	1,170,457,861
Sales after prizes	$1,038,502,075
Less game costs:	
Retailer costs	$155,623,668
On-line game costs	25,688,374
Off-line game costs	12,333,345
Total game costs	$193,645,387
Income before operating expenses	$844,856,688
Operating expenses:	
Salaries, wages and benefits	$33,445,182
Advertising	24,214,227
Promotion, public relations and point of sale	10,360,992
Other professional services	4,185,440
Depreciation and amortization	7,059,833
Other general and administrative expenses	10,004,210
Total operating expenses	$89,269,884
Operating income	$755,586,804
Non-operating (expenses) revenues:	
Investment earnings (Note 9)	$75,837,868
Other Income	336,642
Allocation to Education Fund (Note 7)	(763,029,794)
Total non-operating (expenses) revenues	($686,855,284)
Changes in net assets	$68,731,520
Total net assets-beginning of year	165,083,079
Total net assets-end of year	$233,814,599

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