

CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

Report of Analysis

QUARTERLY TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2008



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California State Controller

August 2008



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Joan M. Borucki, Director
California Lottery
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Sacramento, California 95814

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, 2008.

Our review disclosed that the Lottery's accounting records supported the requested transfer of \$284,858,913, 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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Report of Analysis

Summary

In a letter dated May 15, 2008, the California Lottery (Lottery) requested that the State Controller's Office (SCO) transfer \$284,858,913 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 analytical review did not disclose any unexplained changes in accounts in a comparison with prior periods. Accordingly, on June 27, 2008, \$284,858,911.01 (the difference of \$1.99 is due to rounding errors in prior quarters) was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund.

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 performed 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 nine-month period ended March 31, 2008, we determined that the Lottery's request to transfer \$284,858,913 to the Lottery Education Fund is supported by formal accounting records.

According to the Lottery's unaudited financial statements, the total amount available for transfer to education was 857,335,691 for the nine-month period ended March 31, 2008. Of this amount, \$306,669,549 (an additional \$18,060,789 of adjustments were transferred that were related to the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2006-07) was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund on December 31, 2007, and \$265,807,229 was transferred on March 31, 2008, leaving a balance of \$284,858,913. This balance was transferred to the Lottery Education Fund on June 27, 2008.

The amount transferred to public education was 34.77% 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 11.81% 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. The Lottery returned 53.42% of the total quarterly revenues to the public in form of prizes.

Original signed by

JEFFREY V. BROWNFIELD
Chief, Division of Audits

August 13, 2008

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

Fiscal Year 2007-08	Quarter Ended							
	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%		
Prizes	\$ 439,733,766	53.14%	\$ 838,191,741	53.44%	\$ 1,260,396,296	53.42%		
Administration	\$ 95,226,483	11.51%	\$ 183,456,973	11.69%	\$ 278,729,972	11.81%		
Available for Education	\$ 292,505,626	35.35%	\$ 547,084,086	34.87%	\$ 820,467,109	34.77%		
Other Income ²	14,163,923		25,392,692		36,868,582			
Adjustment	3,997,089 ⁴		—		—			
Adjustment	14,063,700 ⁵		—		—			
Transfer to Education	\$ 324,730,338		\$ 572,476,778		\$ 857,335,691			

Fiscal Year 2006-07	Quarter Ended							
	09/30/2006	%	12/31/2006	%	03/31/2007	%	06/30/2007	%
Sales ¹	\$ 790,585,222	100.00%	\$ 1,604,229,558	100.00%	\$ 2,540,930,473	100.00%	\$ 3,318,346,505	100.00%
Prizes	\$ 424,411,747	53.68%	\$ 864,608,763	53.89%	\$ 1,359,562,937	53.51%	\$ 1,765,643,368	53.21%
Administration	\$ 93,397,271	11.82%	\$ 193,449,040	12.06%	\$ 306,246,677	12.05%	\$ 414,334,148	12.49%
Available for Education	\$ 272,776,204	34.50%	\$ 546,171,755	34.05%	\$ 875,120,859	34.44%	\$ 1,138,368,989	34.30%
Other Income ²	13,223,148		553,314		38,965,434			
Adjustment	3,909,760 ³		—		—		(3,997,089) ⁴	
Transfer to Education	\$ 289,909,112		\$ 546,725,069		\$ 914,086,293		\$ 1,188,086,293	

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.

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

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

³ This amount represents the \$3,909,760 withheld in the fourth quarter of FY 2005-06, pending the financial audit and resolution of accounting issues.

⁴ 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.

⁵ The amount represents the \$14,063,700 audit adjustment for the fourth quarter FY 2006-07, due to reduction in online direct ticket costs.

**Attachment—
California Lottery's
Transfer Request of May 15, 2008**



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May 15, 2008

Mr. John A. Korach, Accounting Division Chief
Division of Accounting and Reporting
State Controller's Office
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Dear Mr. Korach:

The California State Lottery requests that you transfer to the Lottery Education Fund for disbursement to the education community \$284,858,913. This figure represents:

Operating income for the nine months ended March 31, 2008	\$ 820,467,109
SMIF interest earned	15,444,555
Other Income	759,184
Unclaimed prizes	<u>20,664,843</u>
	<u>\$ 857,335,691</u>
Less: Transfer for the six months ended December 31, 2007:	\$ 572,476,778
	<u>\$ 284,858,913</u>

We have attached a copy of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets for the nine months ended March 31, 2008, 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, 2008

Lottery sales	\$2,359,593,377
Prizes	1,280,396,296
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Sales after prizes	1,099,197,081
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Less game costs:	
Retailer costs	164,770,315
On-line game costs	28,128,767
Off-line game costs	12,373,045
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Total game costs	205,272,127
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Income before operating expenses	893,924,954
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Operating expenses:	
Salaries, wages and benefits	32,397,561
Advertising	12,982,941
Promotion, public relations and point of sale	6,604,471
Other professional services	5,152,867
Depreciation and amortization	6,715,558
Other general and administrative expenses	9,604,849
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Total operating expenses	73,457,845
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Operating income	820,467,109
Non-operating (expenses) revenues:	
Investment earnings (Note 9)	140,684,686
Other income	759,184
Allocation to Education Fund (Note 7)	(836,670,848)
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Total non-operating (expenses) revenues	(695,226,978)
Changes in net assets	125,240,131
Total net assets-beginning of year	95,315,400
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Total net assets-end of year	\$220,555,531
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