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All consultees

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Dear Sir/Madam

BIG LOTTERY FUND: INTERIM ORDER AND POLICY DIRECTIONS

I am writing to consult you about the interim initiative Order and policy directions we intend to issue to the Big Lottery Fund, pending enactment of the National Lottery Bill which is currently before Parliament. The Order and directions will be issued under existing legislation applying to the Big Lottery Fund's constituent bodies, the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) and the Community Fund. They are, as far as possible, the same as the Order and directions we would propose to issue to the Big Lottery Fund following enactment of the National Lottery Bill under the new power to prescribe areas of expenditure. Further details are in the explanatory note.

In the past the Government did not consult anyone other than the Lottery distributor itself and the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland about Orders and directions issued to them. In moving forward towards the Big Lottery Fund, we have decided to introduce a new level of transparency by making a draft of the Order and policy directions available and seeking views on them.

We would be grateful for any written comments no later than **30 September 2005**. Please respond directly to interimorder@culture.gsi.gov.uk. If you have any queries you can contact Julie Moore in National Lottery Distribution and Communities Division here at DCMS, telephone 020 7211 6454 or e mail julie.moore@culture.gsi.gov.uk.

I am sending this letter and attachments to all those on the list at annex A. We are also publishing the consultation materials on the DCMS website.



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