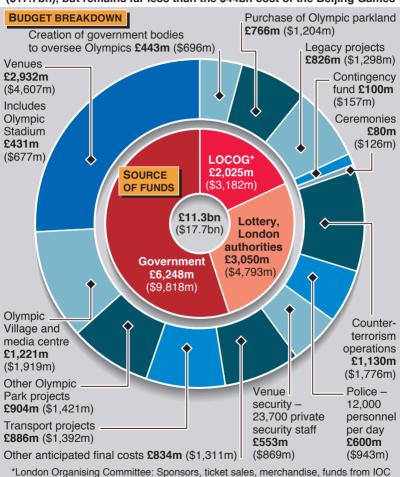
London's Olympian-scale budget

When London won the 2012 Olympics in 2005 the government predicted a budget of £2.4 billion (\$3.8bn) – that has now soared to £11.3 billion (\$17.7bn), but remains far less than the \$44bn cost of the Beijing Games



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