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## funding

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The total income for the Science Media Centre for 2012-13 was £591,884. The 5% upper limit for donations for 2013-14 is £30,000.

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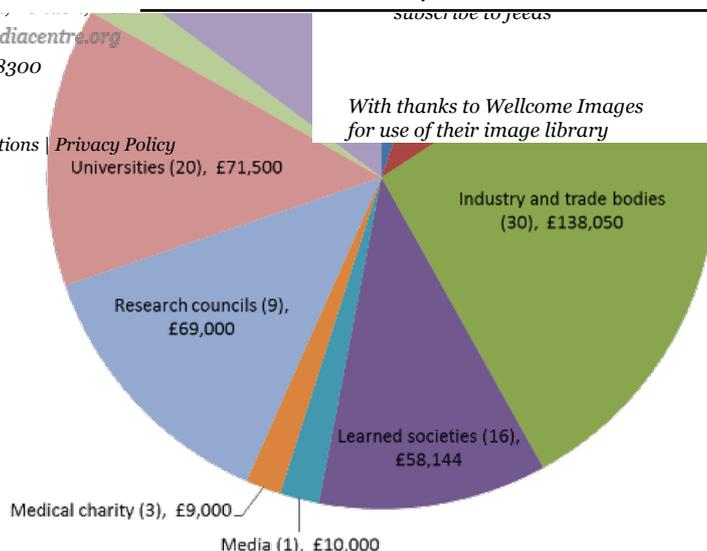
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