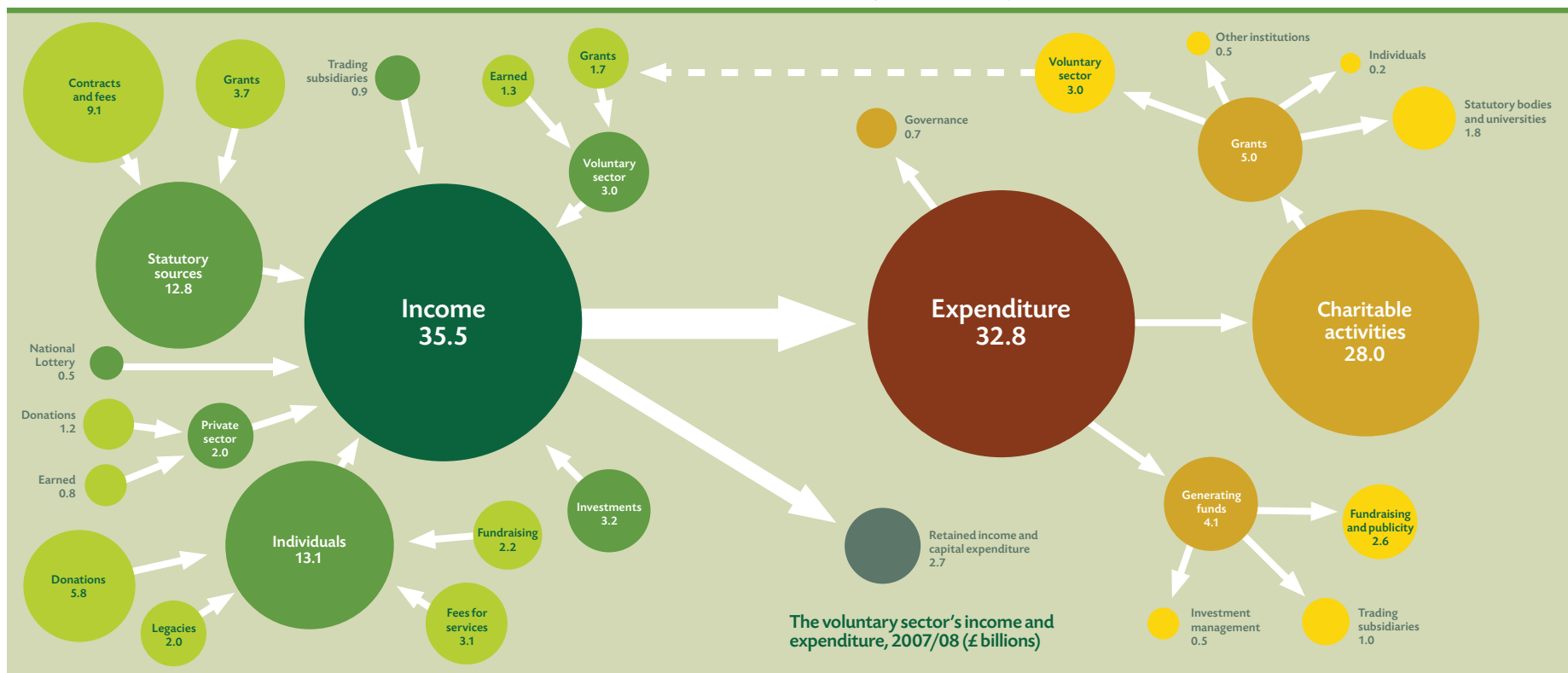


Question 13... What is the voluntary sector's total income and expenditure?

£32.8 BILLION

Total current expenditure of the voluntary sector¹



The voluntary sector's income and expenditure, 2007/08 (£ billions)

The total income of voluntary organisations in 2007/08 was £35.5 billion. In the same year the sector's current expenditure stood at £32.8 billion, accounting for 93% of the sector's overall income. Due to the accounting practices of voluntary organisations, expenditure can be seen as a more reliable guide to the level of charitable activity. £1.7 billion of total income is from grant-making voluntary organisations and is arguably double-counting of income (See question 35 for further information).

Total current expenditure is £2.7 billion less than total incoming resources. This suggests that some organisations are generating a surplus or trying to build reserve levels; the difference can also be accounted for by capital expenditure (such as on equipment or buildings).

▲ Source: NCVO, GuideStar Data Services

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²Public Expenditure Statistical Analyses (HM Treasury, 2009): www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/pespub_pesa09.htm

£535.6 BILLION

Total current expenditure of government²