<u>Cabinet Secretary gives the Royal</u> <u>Welch a shot with grant</u>

The Royal Welch Fusiliers is the oldest of the Welsh regiments and has one of the largest and most important military heritage collections outside of the National Army Museum in London.

The funding means the Museum which is situated in the Chamberlain Tower and the Queen's Tower at the Castle will remain open until at least 2020.

Economy Secretary, Ken Skates, said:

"I am pleased to approve this funding that will enable the Museum to remain open until 2020.

"It will mean that visitors to the Castle can continue to enjoy all the Museum has to offer and gain an insight into the long history of the Royal Welch Fusiliers through the variety of letters, poems and photographs and other exhibits on show.

"The Museum has been providing an invaluable service since the 1960s and I am delighted that this grant will mean the service can continue to the next decade and beyond."

The Welsh Government grant of £270,000 over 3 years will ensure that the Royal Welch Fusiliers Collections Trust will continue to deliver amongst other things an Accredited Museum open to the public and provide a variety of lifelong learning and public engagement activities.

Colonel Peter Knox, Chairman of the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum Management Committee said:

"The trustees of the Royal Welch Fusiliers welcome this announcement and value the long association with Cadw and the Welsh Government."