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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 14 July 2017 requesting the following information:

*"Can you further clarify the role of the 601 Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force (RAAF) e.g. is it for research, training?
Will it be a mix of regular and reserve personnel?
Which RAF station will it be based in?"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

601 Squadron will have three principal roles which are:

- To provide advice to the Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) and the RAF to help the RAF address important issues
- Provide access to new networks that the RAF has not traditionally been connected with
- Develop advocates for the RAF

The Squadron will also provide a small pool of ex-Regular officers to provide support for CAS, in particular as part of international engagement.

601 Squadron will have an establishment of six Volunteer Ex-Regular Reserves air rank officers and up to fifty Honorary Group Captain Post filled by civilians.

601 Squadron will be parented by RAF Northolt.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely,



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