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Dear Mr Dixon,

Thank you for your email of 8 November requesting the following information:

*'I would like to know why members commissioned into the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training Branch) are not attested, but the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (UAS) are.
This is shown on RAF Form 1047'*

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (RAFVR) University Air Squadron (UAS) recruits are attested, as they are enlisted as servicemen and then immediately re-mustered with the status of Officer Cadet (Air Publication 3392 Vol 7).

RAFVR (Training Branch) (RAFVR(T)) are not attested because, this would then give them the disciplinary power and authority over RAF Regulars and RAF Reserves. There has never been a requirement for a uniformed volunteer who delivers youth activity to hold disciplinary powers over Regular and Reserve personnel. Furthermore, RAFVR(T) are not liable for deployment, so are therefore not required to swear an allegiance to Queen and Country.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the

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Yours sincerely,

[Original Signed]

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