

## Question 21 (continued)

- (c) Assess the impact that the health status of Australians has on the provision of health care facilities and services. 10

In Australia there are many different areas that need to be considered these include:

- ★ Rural & Remote Areas
- ★ Socioeconomically disadvantaged people
- ★ Aboriginal & Torres Strait people
- ★ Older people
- ★ Men
- ★ Women

Health care in Australia is worked out on the basis of where the majority of the population lives. They have found that Rural & Remote areas need GP's who are up to date with Emergencies - for farm accidents. For older people there are Nursing homes that everyone is friendly. Lung Cancer is considerably high for Socio-economically disadvantaged people and Aboriginal and Torres Strait people. Many GP's in Australia are beginning to train in - acupuncture

- herbal medicine

- aromatherapy

just to add variety to the communities they serve. The 'Royal Flying Doctors' and 'careflight' also provide valuable services to Australians.

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The 'Royal Flying Doctors' Service outback Australia, most of the time they attend small villages on a particular day and are often called to emergencies. The 'careflight' helicopter service is a great asset to Australia. Its purpose is to attend road accidents, farm accidents, accidents where there are patients with serious injuries that need taking to bigger hospitals for treatment. They are equipped for premature babies, through to the old and frail patients.

Australian's health status overall is good compared to other countries but with the help of up to date health care facilities and services the morbidity rates are falling and will continue to fall with consistent funding. Areas that need to be addressed are:

- ★ Cardiovascular disease
- ★ Cancer
- ★ Diabetes mellitus
- ★ Mental health

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