As we know, health is a dynamic subject and changes will always occur in the content. VCAA is very aware of this and takes the changing nature of health information into account when assessing students. As a result, the concepts of AusAID aims and objectives can now be used interchangeably.

The previous aims of AusAID were to:

- improve the economic and financial management in government and strengthen their democracy.

- help maximise the benefits from trade and new technology.

- support government stability by improving vital services such as education, healthcare, water and sanitation.

- strengthen regional security by helping government prevent conflict

- promote sustainable approaches to environmental management and the use of resources.

The objective, which has appeared in previous reports and also appears in the most recent Annual Report (albeit now under the title ‘Our Primary Outcome’) is:

* To assist developing countries reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest.
* Australia's development assistance focus on poverty is guided by the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed targets for poverty reduction.

As a result of the changes that have occurred in recent years, some flexibility will be allowed with regards to the aims and objectives of AusAID.