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lawyers, nurses, teachers that are Aborigines. They have not succeeded or have the qualification as many Europeans have, but we hope that our children in the future will achieve better jobs and status.

Question 8 - Why should Aboriginal people have use of a car to drive them home after being in hospitals or attending medical clinics? White people don't.

Within the hospital system everybody is eligible for help. The Ambulance is usually there to service these people who have no means of transport. Welfare agencies such as the NSW Home Care Service, Y.A.C.S., APEX, Lions Clubs, all these services help the communities with transport to hospital and medical clinics.

But because of the appalling conditions of Aboriginal health in Australia, some communities are lucky enough to have Aboriginal health workers in the hospitals. Part of their job is to provide Aborigines who can't afford taxis, or who find it hard to use public transport because of health or social issues, with transport if they are sick.

Question 9 - Do you feel that the Aborigines are more prejudiced towards the whites and get too much given to them?

Because Aborigines are a minority group, in some areas Aborigines feel that they need to fight back if in the past they have been discriminated against. They are likely to become defensive when fronted with white people. The prejudice that I think you have come up against from Aborigines is more a defensive attitude. Aborigines do not get too much. Take a look at some health statistics of Aborigines and you will clearly see that they don't get nearly enough help.

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Change Simpson, Colin, 1983, to Johnson Colin, 1983.

Margaret Vasey, author of "Some Aspects of the Position of Aboriginal Women in Australian Society" apologizes for the above error in the references.

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