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DR PETER TOYNE MLA Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

CONSUMER CHRISTMAS TRADING CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF

A consumer affairs education campaign directed at the Christmas shopping period about to hit was launched today by Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne.

Dr Toyne said the Christmas consumer campaign centres on consumer education to help consumers have a positive Christmas shopping experience.

“The education campaign is focused on providing general shopping tips and advice on refunds, warranties, toy safety and encouraging consumers to make this Christmas debt-free.

“Consumer Affairs officers will be available at the Casuarina shopping centre every Saturday between now and Christmas from 10am and 2pm, to assist consumers and traders with any consumer issue.

“Information sheets will be available from the Consumer Affairs stand on a range of issues, including advice on buying mobile phones and used cars to lay-by and refund policies.

“Toy safety is an important issue for the festive season and I encourage all parents to ensure the toys they buy are safe and to seek advice from Consumer Affairs if they have any questions.

“With post Christmas in mind Consumers should also make themselves aware of refund and warranty rights and take it easy on the credit card.

“Overspending on credit can see consumers paying for that Christmas spending well into next year and add extra financial burden,” he said.

The December edition of the Consumer Affairs Council newsletter also outlines a range of Christmas and shopping tips and is available from most libraries, MLA’s offices or by phoning Consumer Affairs.

Consumer Affairs officers can be contacted on telephone 89991999 seven days a week.