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DR PETER TOYNE MLA Minister for Justice

TRAVEL RORT WARNING: MINISTER

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne today warned Territorians to be aware of a travel prize scam circulating in the NT.

“The scheme is being promoted via the Internet and is finding its way into private and business personal computers,” he said.

“The recipient is advised they have won a \$1100 travel shopping spree without even having entered any competition,” he said.

“The notice invites callers to contact a US telephone number. The promoters then seek a person’s credit card details and attempt to charge a “service fee” to collect the prize.

“Consumer Affairs advises this promotion is little more than a scam and could leave Territorians out of pocket by thousands of dollars.”

The Minister said it was a timely reminder that scams such as travel promotions and “free” lotteries were active throughout Australia.

“Anyone providing credit or bank account details to a company needs to be fully aware their details may be used to arrange unauthorised transactions,” he said.

Commissioner Richard O’Sullivan said Consumer Affairs offers a seven-day-a-week service through toll free 1800 019 319.

The Department’s website is www.caba.nt.gov.au

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