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### Consumer and Business Affairs

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## Commissioner's Warning on "Get -Rich-Quick" Seminars

The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs Richard O'Sullivan has urged Territorians to exercise caution when considering attending the "From Mum to Millionaire" seminar on Saturday, 2 April 2005 at the Crown Plaza in Darwin.

"These types of "get-rich-quick" seminars are usually aimed at providing so-called "secrets" at a cost – secrets which are readily available from qualified financial planners and investment advisors," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"Any consumer who attends the seminar should carefully read the conditions and should not sign any document or enter into any agreements until separate independent legal advice is obtained."

Consumer's should also be aware of the following information:

- The host company for the seminar is Oneworld Seminars Pty Ltd.
- Denise Alen, who features prominently in the advert, is also known as Denise Alenaddaf.
- Ms Alen is a shareholder of Oneworld Seminars Pty Ltd.
- Ms Alen is married to the company's director, Jack Weavers, also known as Hamid Alenaddaf.
- "Dan" the 21-year-old featured in the advert, is Daniel Alenaddaf also known as Daniel Saba.
- Dan is the son of Ms Alen and Mr Weavers.

Mr O'Sullivan is also concerned about the failure of the host company Oneworld Seminars Pty Ltd, to disclose relationships which may exist between the presenters and the company.

Mr O'Sullivan says "It appears that all of the people featured in the advertisements are related despite their names not alluding to this fact."

"Consumers should be aware also that they can obtain a refund if they are not satisfied with the information provided at the seminar."

"Request for Refund" forms should be filled in and can be obtained from Consumer Affairs Officers present.

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“The claim form for a refund must be handed to the seminar’s presenters by the lunchtime break.”

“To ensure that Territorians are protected, officers from Consumer Affairs will attend the seminar to monitor and assess whether there may be any potentially false or misleading representations given to consumers during the presentations.”

“I strongly urge any Territorian who attends the seminar to remember the motto of consumer protection - If sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.”

Mr O’Sullivan urges any consumer who has any queries or concerns regarding this seminar to contact Consumer Affairs on toll free 1800 019 319 or 8999 1999.

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