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### EASTER EGG TESTING

Easter egg enthusiasts can tuck into their chocolate delights this year with the confidence that they're not getting short changed on the quantity they're paying for.

Minister for Consumer Affairs Gail Gago says someone had to do the tough job of Easter Egg testing – but unfortunately for Office of Consumer and Business Affairs staff it wasn't a taste test.

“More than 700 items have been tested for short weight, saving the waists from an otherwise enduring job of taste testing that could have proved quite weighty,” says the Minister.

“While a variety of Easter pre-packed goods have been subject to the annual examination, they've mostly had to drool over confectionary including Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies and boxed chocolates that aren't normally available throughout the year.

“The good news is that all came up trumps on quantity.

“That means customers should be pleased to know they're getting what they've paid for.

“More than 200 products were also examined for labelling problems and eight failed to provide a quantity statement (the weight) on the main display panel of the product.”

The three (3) traders found selling the incorrectly labelled products have been given warnings.

When a pre-packed article is packed or sold, it must be marked with the quantity on the main display panel so it is easily visible to potential purchasers.

Inspections were carried out at 15 premises including supermarkets, retailers, variety and major department stores. A total of 772 items were tested for short weight and of those 215 items were examined for correct labelling requirements.

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs is always on the look out for inaccurate weight or measure of products. To report any concerns contact OCBA's Trade Measurement section on (08) 8234 2036 or 131 882 for country callers.