



Thursday 5th July 2007

LEATHER JACKET'S BACK ON BLACK MARKET

People are being urged to be wary of itinerant leather jacket salespeople on the prowl again. They're luring potential victims with items stashed in the back of their vans and cars.

Minister for Consumer Affairs, Jennifer Rankine, is warning people to not get caught out by these fly-by-night salespeople.

"People should be very suspicious of anyone selling their wares from the back of a van or car, there is little doubt they'll be taken for a ride," Ms Rankine said.

Intelligence from interstate fair-trading and consumer affairs agencies indicates itinerant salespeople selling **fake Armani** goods may have travelled to South Australia, and their aim will no doubt be to lure unsuspecting people into buying their goods.

"Any trader approaching someone to sell goods is considered to be selling 'door-to-door.' There are provisions under the *Fair Trading Act 1987*, which deal with door-to-door traders. It's highly unlikely however, that these people know or care about the trading requirements.

If they sell items over \$50, the buyer must be provided written documentation to sign and be informed about their cooling off rights," Ms Rankine said.

"The reality is these people will pack up and move on, so if you change your mind or if there is something wrong with the jacket you will have nowhere to go.

People should not buy goods being sold from the back of a car. They would be wise to jot down the salesperson's registration details and contact Consumer Affairs immediately," Ms Rankine said.

The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs would like to hear from anyone with information about the conduct or whereabouts of these particular salespeople.

Anybody who's purchased a leather jacket in this fashion should phone Consumer Affairs on 8204 9777 or regional callers on 131 882.