



BEWARE OF THE SCAM
26 May 2004

If it appears to be too good to be true, then it probably is, according to Member for Flinders Liz Penfold.

Mrs Penfold was responding to information given by the Attorney General to parliament today about “Ron the Con Frederick”.

He advised that Ron Frederick, who is known by more than 20 other names, is advertising a business venture in the Port Lincoln Times and other papers for a similar scheme that previously landed him in gaol overseas. He also advertises for people to contact him at his Little Joe Snax web site.

“Mr. Frederick has never delivered on his promises and people have lost thousands of dollars to his scams over the years” he said.

Mrs. Penfold encouraged constituents to ‘beware, take care’ before committing hard earned money.

“If you are in any doubt at all about a get rich proposition please contact my office or The Office of Consumer and Business Affairs to ensure the opportunity is legitimate,” she said.

SCAM OFFERS \$25000 CASH
25 September 2003

Another scam offering untold wealth has surfaced in Port Lincoln, this time supposedly originating from Switzerland although the address for non delivery of the letter is France.

A constituent brought the “amazing valuable gift” to the attention of the Member for Flinders Liz Penfold.

Mrs Penfold said the information would be forwarded to the Attorney General to keep on file.

The scam offer implies that the recipient has won \$25,000, an offer that is reinforced by the inclusion of a simulated banker’s cheque for that amount.

The offer also states that the recipient is the “legitimate heir” of multimillionaire Eddy M – no full name given. All the recipient has to do is to forward \$54 to the address given.

Since these letters are sent to thousands of people across the world, it is easy to see that the one with the fortune is the one receiving all the \$54 amounts.

Mrs Penfold said if an offer sounds too good to be true, then it usually is. “Always treat unexpected windfalls with suspicion and seek a second opinion if you have any doubts,” she said.

There is a useful website for people to check for scams www.ocba.sa.gov.au/scams/ or phone the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs on 131882.