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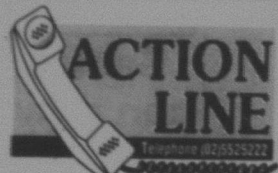
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## Refund plea knocked back

**Q**I ORDERED a sofa bed from a big Australian furniture company and put a \$100 deposit on it. I changed my mind about buying it before it was even delivered to me but they say they won't refund my money or even give me a credit note. They are now going to resell the sofa bed and make an extra \$100 on the deal. Is there anything I can do?  
Ms K C. Randwick

**A**THE manager of the shop said he hadn't been in contact with the customer and refused to give a credit note for the money.

If the customer is still not satisfied she should contact the nearest Consumer Affairs Office.



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## Boys will get paid

**YOU HAVEN'T PAID MY SON HIS WAGES FOR SEVEN WEEKS!**

**WE WILL, WHEN IT ACCUMULATES TO A WHOLE DOLLAR!**

**Q**MY son and two others are owed \$1260 for seven weeks work. The firm keeps saying the cheque is coming. The last few times they haven't even bothered ringing us back. Could you please help me to get the boys' money back.  
Mrs T. Pymble

**A**THE firm has now paid some of the money and has promised to pay the rest by the end of the week.

## Lost pix problem

**Q**I WENT out one night and had some photos taken and they were promised to me in one week but the wrong ones were sent. I sent them back and put in a note describing what I was wearing and the size of the group but I still haven't received the photos. I've rung them numerous times, and I was promised a refund cheque but I've been waiting for two months.  
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**A**THE manager of the photographic firm said they had been given the incorrect address and the cheque had been returned. Now that we have given them the correct address the cheque will be posted immediately.

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