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Australian tenders can mean just about anything. Most people think of construction companies tendering for a big commercial job or government agencies putting up contract work for tender, but some come along that are of great interest regardless of which industry youâ€™re associated with.

Perth Zoo recently advertised a tender looking for someone who could collect termites; live termites. They need a minimum supply of four kilos of termites every week to feed the numbats at Perth Zoo as well as other animals. Numbats breed between December and March and eat more termites than usual during this time. The Zoo is providing advice on how to catch termites as well as the equipment necessary such as drums, wood (of course), plastic bags and water bottles for wetting down the wood. This tender has now closed and we wish the successful applicant many days of successful termite hunting to feed the hungry numbats.

Were you aware there is an Australian Toilet Map? A tender closing tomorrow is is seeking applications for the hosting, maintenance and associated data collection of the National Public Toilet Map (the Toilet Map). This information is then posted on websites for visitors, tourists and locals who donâ€™t like the be caught short. Currently this information is accessed by between 100 and 200 people every day.

A tender that will appeal to the international eco warrior is currently open by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities seeking interested parties to tender for Pollutants tracking and monitoring and rehabilitation services.

The Australian Government, as represented by DSEWPaC, is a Party to the Stockholm Convention, an international treaty on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs). Parties to the Convention agreed in May 2009 to add nine new chemicals to the Convention's Annexes.

The possible presence of these chemicals in articles currently being imported into Australia may have implications for how Australia can meet the requirements of the Convention, should it proceed with ratification. The Department requires the provision of a research project involving the targeted testing and analysis of articles such as electronic articles, textiles and furnishings that may contain these chemicals. This project is expected to produce results that will help develop and inform decisions on management options for the chemicals.

Those more interested in the world of corporate espionage are invited by Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) â€“ providing they are suitably qualified - to submit a tender to provide technical surveillance counter measure services for an initial period of three years with an option to extend for a period of one year. The task is to provide security surveillance and detection.

While the vast majority of tenders advertised in Australia each year do not carry the weight of excitement and intrigue as some of these ones do, they are a valuable way for businesses to increase their success. Several companies advertise tenders in Australia as do the government agencies responsible for generating many of them.

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