

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
Form 6-K
June 13, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

June 13, 2012

Commission File Number 1-10167

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

275 KENT STREET, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes

No

If is marked, indicate the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with

Rule 12g3-2(b):82-

Incorporation by Reference

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K, excluding the information set forth in Exhibit 1, shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectuses relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration Statements on Forms F-3 (File Nos. 333-163800 and 333-172579), as such prospectuses may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

On June 13, 2012, Westpac Chairman Lindsay Maxsted announced that, consistent with Westpac's Director Tenure Policy, Carolyn Hewson would be retiring from the Board on June 30, 2012.

Index to Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| 1 | Media Release: Retirement of Carolyn Hewson AO |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION
(Registrant)

Date: June 13, 2012

By:

/s/ Sean Crellin
Sean Crellin
Director, Legal