

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
December 20, 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**

December 19, 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)

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Yes  No

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**Incorporation by Reference**

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K, excluding the information set forth in Exhibit No. 1, shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectuses relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration Statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-185478 and 333-172579), as such prospectuses may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

On 19 December 2012, Westpac announced the appointment of Ewen Crouch to the Westpac Board. Mr Crouch's appointment will become effective on 1 February 2013.

**Index to Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Media Release: Appointment of Ewen Crouch to the Westpac Board

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: December 19, 2012

By:

/s/ Sean Crellin  
Sean Crellin  
Director, Legal