

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20549

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## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January 2004

## National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

500 Bourke Street

MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000

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Yes

No

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This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 (No. 333-6632) of National Australia Bank Limited and to be part thereof from the date on which this Report, is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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**Group Corporate Affairs**

National Australia  
Bank Limited  
ABN 12004044937

**ASX Announcement**

500 Bourke Street  
Melbourne  
Victoria 3000  
Australia

*Melbourne, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2004*

**Update on unauthorised foreign currency trading investigations**

Since its initial announcement on 13 January 2004, the National Australia Bank has progressed its internal investigations into unauthorised foreign currency options trading.

Our detailed work on the unauthorised trading has confirmed that the pre-tax loss arising from the removal of fictitious trades from the foreign currency options portfolio is A\$185 million - slightly above our original estimate of A\$180 million.

The Chief Executive of the National, Mr Frank Cicutto, said foreign currency options will continue to be a part of our Markets business.

In view of the unauthorised activity that has occurred in this portfolio, the National is undertaking a market revaluation of the remaining portfolio to ensure it conforms with our policies, Mr Cicutto said.

Our initial view indicates that this revaluation will lead to additional losses. Based on our work to date, there is a very low probability that the total losses will be as high as market speculation of A\$600 million. We expect to provide a further update on this matter by the end of the week.

The Chairman of the National, Mr Charles Allen, said the Board of Directors had been updated on the investigations.

Following the outcomes of the investigations we will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that investors, customers and staff have full confidence in the National, Mr Allen said.

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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 authorised.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED**

***Susan E Crook***

Title: *Associate Company Secretary*

Date: 19 January 2004