

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
March 09, 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**

March 9, 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 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 March 9, 2012, Westpac announced that George Frazis has been appointed the new Chief Executive of St. George Banking Group. Peter Clare has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of Westpac New Zealand Limited. Mr Clare is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Group's Australian Financial Services business. He was previously Group Executive, Products & Operations. Mr Frazis will replace Rob Chapman who has decided to leave the Group.

The appointments will be effective from April 2, 2012. Mr Clare's appointment is subject to appropriate regulatory approval.

**Index to Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Media Release: Group Executive Changes

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: March 9, 2012

By: /s/ Sean Crellin  
Sean Crellin  
Director, Legal