

WESTPAC BANKING CORP  
Form 6-K  
December 07, 2009

**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 7, 2009

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 Form 6-K, but excluding Exhibit 1 to this Form 6-K, shall be incorporated by reference in the prospectus relating to the Registrant's debt securities contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-157381), as such prospectus may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**Media Release - Group Executive Changes**

On December 7, 2009, The Westpac Group Chief Executive Officer, Gail Kelly, announced a number of internal appointments within her executive team. The new appointments are:

- Peter Hanlon, to the newly created role of Group Executive, People and Transformation
- Rob Coombe, to Group Executive, Westpac Retail & Business Banking
- Brad Cooper, to Chief Executive, BT Financial Group

The newly created role of Group Executive, People and Transformation will include the key customer, people and productivity elements of the transformation program. It also includes Corporate Affairs & Sustainability.

The appointments will take effect from February 1, 2010.

**Index to Exhibits**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	The Westpac Group - Merger and Transformation Update

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 7, 2009

By: */s/ Manuela Adl*  
Manuela Adl  
SVP & Chief Operating Officer