

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
Form 6-K
December 15, 2004

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

December 15, 2004

WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

60 MARTIN PLACE, SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES 2000, AUSTRALIA

(Address of principal executive offices)

[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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[Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Act of 1934.]

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Yes No

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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 15, 2004

By: /s/ Manuela Adl
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Dear Sir/Madam

Issue of shares pursuant to Dividend Reinvestment Plan Allotment

The following number of fully paid ordinary shares have been allotted as follows pursuant to an allotment under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan for the final dividend:

Number	Exercise Price	Allotment Date	Ranking
10,838,005 \$	18.37	Dividend Reinvestment Plan 15 December 2004	Rank equally

Paid up and quoted capital:
(including the new issue) 1,794,207,791 fully paid ordinary shares.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Lawler

Head of Group Secretariat (Acting)