

WESTPAC BANKING CORP
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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**

July 19, 2011

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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Exhibit No.	Description
1	Media Release: The Westpac Group to support acquisition of J O Hambro Capital Management by BT Investment Management Limited

The attached media release does not constitute an offer of securities for sale in the United States or any other jurisdiction in which such an offer would be illegal. The securities referenced in the attached media release have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Act is available.

Disclosure regarding forward-looking statements

The information contained in this Report on Form 6-K contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The forward-looking statements include statements regarding our intent, belief or current expectations with respect to our business and operations and results of operations and financial condition.

We use words such as may, expect, indicative, intend, forecast, likely, estimate, anticipate, believe or similar words to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from the expectations described herein. Factors that may impact on the forward-looking statements made include those described in the section entitled Risk and risk management in Westpac's 2010 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and in the section entitled Principal risks and uncertainties in Westpac's Interim Financial Report for the half year ended March 31, 2011. When relying on forward-looking statements to make decisions with respect to us, investors and others should carefully consider such factors and other uncertainties and events. We are under no obligation, and do not intend, to update any forward-looking statements contained in this Report.

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: July 19, 2011

By:

/s/ Sean Crellin
Sean Crellin
Director, Legal