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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

January 7, 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)

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1	Issue of shares pursuant to December 30, 2003.	o exercise of employee	share plan options An	inouncement	ts dated November 1-	4, 2003 through

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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: January 7, 2004 By: /s/ MANUELA ADL

Manuela Adl

SVP & Chief Operating Officer

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