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Preliminary Pricing Supplement No. 23 - Dated Tuesday, February 21, 2012 (To: Prospectus Dated November 16, 2011)

CUSIP Number	Principal Amount	Gross Selling Price	Net Concession	Proceeds	Coupon Type	Coupon Rate	Coupon Frequency	Day Count Basis	Maturity Date	1st Coupon Date	1st Coupon Amount	Survivorship Option	SDIC Guaranteed	Product Ranking
96121BAZ0	\$	100.000%	1.250%	\$	Fixed	2.400%	Monthly	30/360	9/30/15	2/15/2017	\$2.93	Yes	No	Senior Unsecured Notes

Redemption Information: Non-Callable

Trade Date: Monday, February 27, 2012 @ 12:00 PM ET

Westpac Banking Corporation

Settle Date: Thursday, March 1, 2012

Prospectus dated November 16, 2011

Minimum Denomination/Increments: \$1,000.00/\$1,000.00

Initial trades settle flat and clear SDFS: DTC Book Entry only

Westpac Banking Corporation

Joint Lead Managers and Lead Agents: BofA Merrill Lynch, Incapital LLC **Agents:** Citigroup, Deutsche Bank Securities,

Goldman, Sachs & Co., HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Wells Fargo Advisors

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