

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD  
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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON DC 20549

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## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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

For the month of December 2004

## National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

500 Bourke Street

MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000

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Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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Yes

No

If  Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82

This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 (No. 333-6632) of National Australia Bank Limited and to be part thereof from the date on which this Report, is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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 authorised.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED**

***Susan E Crook***

Title:

*Associate Company Secretary*

Date: 22 December 2004

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**Group Corporate Affairs**

National Australia

Bank Limited

ABN 12004044937

500 Bourke Street

Melbourne

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**ASX Announcement**

*Melbourne, Tuesday 21 December 2004*

**National Australia Bank statement on Northern Bank**

A theft has occurred at Northern Bank in Belfast, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Australia Bank.

The theft is being investigated by the police in Northern Ireland and we cannot discuss details at this stage.

However, initial indications are that affected staff are safe – this is our number one priority.

Business continuity plans have been activated and it is business-as-usual for customers of Northern Bank.

The National has advised Danske Bank Group of the incident.

**For further information:**

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Note: In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 15.7.1, this information has also been released at the same time to overseas stock exchanges on which the National's securities are listed.

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**ASX Announcement**

*Melbourne, Wednesday 22 December 2004*

**National Australia Bank statement on theft at Northern Bank**

Approximately £20 million was stolen from Northern Bank in Belfast on Monday evening, 20 December 2004.

The theft is covered by self-insurance, and as such, National Australia Bank, which currently owns Northern Bank, will bear the impact of any losses arising from the theft.

The incident is not expected to have any material impact on the sale of Northern Bank and National Irish Bank to the Danske Bank Group announced on 14 December 2004.

Customer services at Northern Bank have been maintained following the successful implementation of business continuity plans.

Most importantly, all staff involved in the theft are safe and are receiving appropriate care and support by Northern Bank and the police in Northern Ireland.

Northern Bank is fully co-operating with the police in Northern Ireland in their investigation into the theft.

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