

## INTERPRETERS

# Losses in translation

**O**H DEAR. Crapita's 2012 full-year results assess the impact of the court interpreting fiasco on its purchase of Applied Language Solutions.

Former ALS owner Gavin Wheeldon certainly won't be getting any of the bonus "contingent consideration" he would have earned if the firm had done well, and "due to the performance of this contract... the related goodwill has also been reassessed to £nil".

Meanwhile, in the West Midlands new figures released by the region's police and crime commissioner show that for November alone West Midlands Police paid £202,000 to the firm, which is now known as Capita Translation and Interpreting. Annual costs are estimated at well over £2m.

This must have come as something of a disappointment to Inspector Knacker, which announced in 2011 that it was outsourcing interpreting to the firm in order to, er, "cut 40 percent off the £1.8m a year it spends paying interpreters".