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More for Less

A practitioner’s view on retaining quality within a finite budget

More?

Why? What? How?

“We could spend less and achieve more by diverting resources to prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.”

Paul Mendelle QC, Chair of the Criminal Bar Association

The Times : Thursday 11th March 2010

More for Less

By 2014

96,000 prison places...

Ministry of Justice

£1.3 billion in savings

Cost of custodial place…

= £41,000 pa

= £100,000 pa (new build)

More… of what?

LSC priority

"To improve the quality and quantity of learning and skills in prison"

Quality of
~ staff
~ resources
~ teaching and learning
~ employability and employment outcomes

Quantity by
~ more learners reached
~ more provision per learner
~ more learning and skills choice

More quality…how?

Staff	~ continuous professional development
	~ motivation
Resources	~ accommodation
	~ materials
	~ accreditation
Teaching and learning	~ Ofsted / audits
	~ ULN / e-learning
Employability and Employment	~ curriculum
	~ partnership working

More quantity… how?

- Class sizes
- Timetabling
- Partnership working

Less?

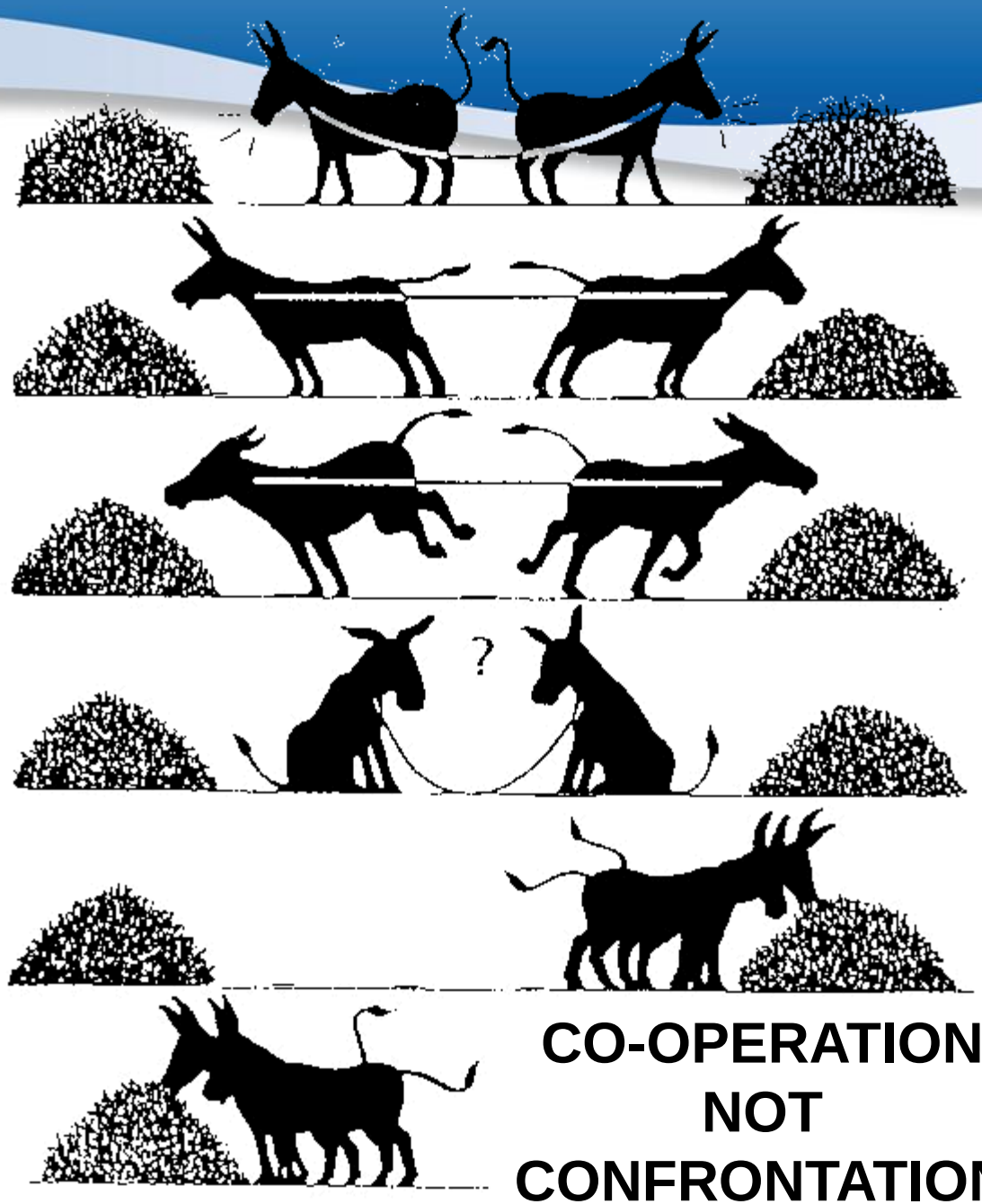
MOG : Machinery of Government changes

OLASS

More	Less
Public awareness	Media hype
Political influence	Sector deprivation
Systems streamlined	Repeated data
Partnership working	Silo working
Stability for sector	Re-contracting

“If we don’t change direction… we’ll end up where we are going.”

Irwin Corey



CO-OPERATION
NOT
CONFRONTATION

“Two men looked through the same prison bars…

One saw mud, the other saw stars.”

Frederick Langbridge