

Health Officials grilled over Shs 486m

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Legislators on the Committee of Commissions, Statutory Authorities and State Enterprises on Wednesday grilled senior officials from the Allied Health Professionals Council over failure to collect revenue amounting to Shs 486m.

While meeting the group led by the Registrar, Patrick Kibirango, over queries in the Auditor General's report, the committee heard that out of the expected shs 1.3b from practicing licenses, only shs 831m was collected leading to a short fall of shs 486m

An analysis of the budget performance revealed that out of the annual 12,000 practicing licenses that were to be renewed, only 10,000 were renewed and only 5 out of the 20 planned council meetings were held, "That means your performance represents 37% of the budget. The Failure to realize all the budgeted revenues affected the implementations of planned activities that mainly related to the administrative functions, Can you, therefore, explain this low performance?" the committee chairman and Kumi County MP, Patrick Amuriat, asked.