

# Why pay science teachers more?

I express my disappointment at what I view as poor planning at the Ministry of Education. The recent proposal by ministry that science teachers should be paid more than their head teachers and nearly three times more than what is paid to arts teachers shows how lousy planners at the ministry are. How can a subordinate be paid more than their boss?

How can you pay the science teachers who trained for same period Shs1,750,000 and arts teachers only Shs650,000. It is laughable that when the Parliament's Budget Committee asked the ministry officials why they were doing so, they reasoned that it is meant to stop science teachers from looking for greener pastures outside the country.

No country can be interested in Uganda's science teachers because they could be having committed and better trained teachers of the subjects. They could even be having enough science teachers. To give the impression that other countries understand that there are many science teachers in Uganda roaming the streets with nowhere to teach is not correct. In fact, English Language teachers have a bigger market outside Uganda and a good number of them are fleeing in search of better opportunities elsewhere. I urge the education ministry to come up with more reasonable suggestions.

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