



NAIROBI CITY COUNTY ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT

Third County Assembly – Fifth Session

Wednesday 11th February 2026

The House met at 2.30 p.m.

ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

[His Excellency Governor Johnson Sakaja entered the Chamber, escorted by the Speaker of the Assembly, Hon. Kennedy N'gondi]

(The National Anthem and the Anthem of the East African Community were played)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

CONVENING OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, kindly you may proceed and take your seats. Sergeant-at-Arms, please close the door. Thank you.

Your Excellency, Hon. Sakaja Johnson Arthur, CBS, the Governor of Nairobi City County, Hon. Members of the County Assembly and distinguished guests, Standing Order No. 25 of the Nairobi City County Assembly Standing Orders provides as follows, and I quote:

“25 (1). The Governor shall address a special sitting of County Assembly once every year and may address the County Assembly at any other time.”

In this regard, Hon. Members, H.E. the Governor notified my office on his intention to address the County Assembly today Wednesday 11th February, 2026 at 2.30 pm.

Accordingly, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (2), I gave notice of this Sitting to all Hon. Members. Hon. Members, therefore, the Sitting is properly convened in line with our requirements of the Standing Orders. I thank you.

RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUESTS

Your Excellency, it is also our tradition as an Assembly to recognize invited guests seated at the Speaker's Gallery and the public gallery. I, therefore, wish to recognize the following guests who are seated at the Speaker's Gallery:

1. His Excellency James Muchiri, the Deputy Governor of Nairobi City County.
2. Hon. Karen Nyamu, Nominated Senator.

(Applause)

Also, at the Speaker's Gallery, we have the County Executive Committee Members, the Chief of Staff, the County Chief Officers, the CEOs of various County entities, the County Public Service Board, led by the Chairperson, Diplomatic Corps, and the County Borough Managers.

(Applause)

INVITING OF THE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE

Hon Members, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is now my singular honor and privilege to invite His Excellency the Governor of Nairobi City County to address this Special Sitting of the Third Assembly, as stated in our Constitution. Your Excellency, please proceed to address the Assembly. Thank you.

GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
STATUS OF COUNTY POLICIES AND PLANS

His Excellency the Governor: Thank you. The Right Honorable Speaker of the Nairobi City County Assembly, the Nairobi City County Assembly Leadership, Hon Members of the County Assembly, distinguished guests, members of the Diplomatic Corps, CECMs, Chief Officers, all invited guests, good afternoon.

Mr. Speaker, and Hon. Members, it is a solemn duty to stand before you today, not to seek applause, but to render account. A city is defined not by its ambition, but by its delivery. Promises are easy, but governing is the real work. Governing honestly, acknowledging what remains unfinished while steadily advancing what matters most, is the truest measure of our calling. What the people of Nairobi want is not intentions, but outcomes.

Article 10 (2) of the Constitution demands that we exercise authority with dignity, equality, justice, inclusivity, and accountability, standing ready to account for our decisions. We have moved this city forward together, deliberately, measurably, and with purpose. I believe we are on course to transform this city. Nairobi stood at a decisive moment. The city had grown faster than our infrastructure, faster than our systems, faster than history prepared us for. And when systems strain, it is ordinary people who suffer.

For too long, government was distant, slow and unresponsive. Services existed, access did not. Projects were announced, completion was uncertain. Responsibility everywhere, accountability nowhere. Children came to school hungry, while leaders debated menus. Mothers traded without dignity, with no safe spaces for infants or cold storage for produce. Families endured endless delays, while illegal water connections syphoned supply. The sick were told to wait, to go elsewhere, or to buy their own medicine. Not healthcare, but neglect, thinly dressed as procedure. We did not inherit a blank slate. We inherited backlog, debt, imbalance, fragmentation.

Now, leadership is proved by confronting the present, not complaining about the past. My administration chose deliberately to reject the normalization of dysfunction. We chose system over spectacle, delivery over declaration. We began with fundamentals, because when the basics work, trust follows. When trust follows, reform becomes inevitable.

We began by feeding our children. The moments when we must decide what kind of city we are. We chose not to give a stone to a child who asked for bread. Today, 323,470 learners in 230 ECDs and public primary schools eat a hot meal daily. We have served over 72 million meals through our 17 central kitchens and our partners, Giga Kitchen.

(Applause)

This programme has created 2,500 jobs. It has raised farmers' incomes. It has transformed families. Children perform better. Absenteeism declines. Parents breathe easier. Members, *Dishi na County* is not an expense we tolerate. It is a responsibility we honour. Parents contribute five shillings per meal and the County subsidizes the rest. The most vulnerable 10% pay nothing.

(Applause)

No child is turned away, and you know it. Hunger will not be a background condition of learning. Last month, the County Executive Committee approved the Nairobi City-County Feeding Policy, anchoring this constitutional right in the law, extending coverage to informal settlements, and expanding from 17 to 69 kitchens, as we intend to. No child will be left behind. On behalf of the children of Nairobi, I thank you, Members of the County Assembly.

(Applause)

You have delivered hope. You have increased enrolment by more than 40%. Every day, families are touched. That gentleman who does not know whether he will get a coin in a *mjengo*, rests assured that his child is eating. That *mama fua* who is not sure whether she will get a job, has hope and comfort knowing that her child and children are taken care of. You are co-workers with God. I applaud you for that as Members of the County Assembly.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, opportunity must follow hope. Through fair identification and transparent disbursement, we can ensure a 100% transition to secondary school. This January, I issued scholarships worth Kshs.170 million to 3,828 beneficiaries, and we have processed ward bursaries for 56,525 learners, totaling Kshs.295.5 million, the highest allocation since devolution began. It is not a story. Here are the checks.

(Applause)

This is just a sample. Today, every ward will receive their checks. This is symbolic for Kayole Central Ward. Mheshimiwa Mofire, and all the rest are with us. Today, not tomorrow, not next week, we will receive it.

(Applause)

I want to thank sincerely Hon. Perpetua Mponjiwa, the Chair for Education Committee for her diligence and patience. I want to thank you for understanding that even if it delays, we get it done.

Hon. Members, let me tell you a story. I recall one young man that Mheshimiwa Clement brought to me, Jasper Onyinkwa Mokua from Kahawa West. He was a scholarship beneficiary, who became top KCSE performer. His father lost work after the COVID 19 pandemic. His mother got into business, opened two chemists, sold one, and because it didn't perform, she was taken to court and her accounts were frozen. When I met Jasper and his parents in my office, there were no words, only tears. I asked the mother, "how did you achieve this?" And she cried and said, "it is you." I want to tell you, it is not me, it is you. This boy went through Mangu School and became the top performer in Nairobi City County, through your work, through the scholarship, and through bursaries. They spoke of hope restored. They thanked me. But truly, Hon. members, again, I want to affirm, it is you who have made it possible. When you pass a budget, please see not just the numbers, but see the people whose lives you are changing every single day.

Jasper sat on my chair and spoke to two students who had been stranded from Mukuru Kwa Njenga, before I drove them to their new school. He gave them advice, because I told them Jasper would give them better and more relevant advice than I would. He told them to trust in God, to keep good company, and to always remember where they have come from.

These are real stories. More than 40 students received scholarships last month alone, to join Grade 10. I am sure you see them every day coming to our offices. I would ask you to do the same thing again, and provide support to more children. One father wrote to me: "You changed my life." That letter does not belong to me, but to Nairobians, and to you in this Assembly. Education is not generosity. A city that educates its children, secures its future. A city that neglects them, mortgages its future.

To support growing enrolment, we have built classrooms and provided free pre-primary education through capitation grants of Kshs. 3,200 per child, that is Kshs.100 million for over 30,000 learners. I would like to let you know that the first Kshs.30 million is also ready for this term. No child should be charged a shilling in our ECD Centres. ECD is free.

(Applause)

We will provide what our centre managers and teachers require to give that service. We have also distributed furniture worth Kshs. 120 million to these ECDs.

Mr. Speaker, and Hon. Members, prudent financial management has been our pillar. Digitization has enhanced efficiency, transparency, and real-time monitoring. Collections rose, and they have risen each year. Last year, we achieved historical financial performance Kshs. 13.8 billion in on-source revenue, the highest since devolution began. Since God made Kenya.

Various revenue measures have been undertaken in the year, including implementation of the 2019 Valuation Roll, capturing more than 30,000 previously unvalued properties and 21,000 new properties, expanding the ratable base. This saw rates revenue rise from Kshs. 2.48 billion to Kshs. 3.3 billion in the financial year 2024/25, and our target now is Kshs. 6.5 billion. I believe we can do it.

Enhanced enforcement and structured tenant account monitoring in County estates saw housing revenue increase from Kshs. 503 million to Kshs. 798.8 million. I want to specifically thank the Members of County Assembly who have these County estates in their wards, for their cooperation. We have sat down numerous times and we have started a new way forward that treats our people with dignity but also makes sure the County receives what it is due.

We have worked towards addressing the huge pending bills. Pending bills were initially reported at Kshs. 119.5 billion. They have been revised down to Kshs. 71.6 billion through forensic reconciliation. We have tackled unjustified legal claims that were Kshs. 21 billion, aligned historical loans, corrected registers, and conducted a comprehensive IFMIS cleansing across 12 financial years. Quarterly and annual statements are now submitted on time to both the Public Accounts Committees of this House and the Senate.

I would like to thank the Chair of this Committee, Hon Chege Mwaura, who is my rural MCA of Ngara, where I was born. Thank for your diligence.

For the first time in over a decade, audit outcomes improved. Hon. Members, first five years of devolution had disclaimer of opinion verdict of the Auditor General; terrible, while the next five years had adverse opinions. For the first time we have no adverse opinion. We have qualified opinions and we are working hard with you to make an even better audit opinion in this financial year. This is discipline. This is duty. This is honour to Nairobians who entrust us with their hard-earned money. I thank this Assembly, many achievements would not be possible without your support to pass the budget development policies and fiscal plans.

The Ward Development Programme (WDP) has ensured equitable development across all 85 wards, raising allocations from Kshs.715.8 million in FY 2022/23 to Kshs.857.7 million in 2024/25, with total payments of Kshs.2.7 billion. As we discussed recently in Naivasha, we have a plan to make sure we clear all pending and ongoing WDP bills through a facility that I will be bringing to this House for your support. Please, when you see it, support. Remember I have asked you passionately to support it. That development is in every single ward and it is what is best for our people.

To ease business costs, we launched the Unified Business Permit (UBP), consolidating multiple licenses into one. Over 300,000 businesses have registered under UBP historic figure.

In January 2026, we launched the Liquor Pay system. A system designed to transition the County's liquor licensing protocol from manual, bureaucratic, and prone-to-corruption processes to a fully automated, transparent, and cashless system. Liquor Pay automates the entire process from application, inspection, and payment to approval, removing the need for physical visits. And I think you know how those visits end up. This will ease compliance for over 13,000 bar owners.

Markets are Nairobi's heartbeat. Six new county markets rise. As much as we have challenges, we have paid, we see silver lining. Mutuini (85%), Kahawa West and Jujo (65%), Karen (40%), Miraa (15%), Dandora East (5%). With what we agreed on, we must conclude these markets. We have invested in improving the state of our current markets. A cold storage pilots at City Park Market supports 5,000 traders to preserve their fresh produce for longer. The same will be rolled out in all our markets in our city. Childcare facilities allow mothers to trade in peace.

To ease movement and decongest Haile Selassie Avenue, Hon. Kwenya will tell you that the link road between Wakulima Market and Muthurwa Market has been opened. Also, the loop road behind Wakulima Market to Jogoo Road has now been opened. 150 modern kiosks across six wards have been constructed. There is more that we can do this year. We must finish each and every project that we put our mind to.

Ladies and gentlemen, infrastructure is the backbone of a thriving city. We are upgrading roads, pavements, ramps, streetlights, and storm water drain. Work is ongoing along key city corridors including Moi Service Lane, City Hall Way, the Archives area, and Taifa Lane by replacing old pavements with durable, high-quality and modern cabro paving, placement of dustbins, and installation of ramps to accommodate persons living with disabilities.

Modern street lights have also been installed. This transformation will continue throughout the CBD and into the wards in the estates.

147 kilometers of roads were rehabilitated with County funds, while 61 kilometers with National Fuel Levy funds. Pedestrian walkways and footpaths, manholes, and gully covers have been restored. Together with other agencies, we are coordinating road planning to ensure movement flows efficiently, including the 1 km per ward commitment that you all know about.

Bodaboda operators now work in designated circles with reflectors. Digital taxi and boda boda pick-up/drop-off points have reduced congestion and improved safety. Allow these members of our society to be treated with dignity. We are working with online drivers to make sure that the regulations which we pushed can actually come to function because many of them are suffering with low charges, driving for more than 20 hours, getting into accidents because of fatigue. We must do something for them in the city of Nairobi.

Cleanliness is systems, not slogans; and we are putting the systems in place. 4,500 Green Army workers are now permanent. I am sure you know them; they are not strangers to you. You have an idea who they are.

(Applause)

150 technical staff support them. New tippers, skip loaders, and compactors were procured. Dandora dumpsite has been improved. 63 recycling companies, 125 private waste providers, and 79 community-based organizations now partner with the County. 1,000 litter bins have been installed in Starehe, Dagoretti North, Westlands, Kamukunji Sub-counties and parks sections. We continue to install these bins. Integrated waste transfer stations are coming. We shall have that integrated end to end waste management system where the National Government will support a third of it and we will do two-thirds. That is the kind of support that we require in this city, and I will speak more about it.

Water distribution is a test of government competence. We increased city capacity of our water by 140 million liters through the Northern Collector Tunnel. You all know that Nairobi is water scarce. When I got into the office of Governor, we had only 525 million liters a day against a demand of 970 million liters a day. Nairobi has no source of water. The four sources that we had previously, Kikuyu Springs was done in 1910, Ruiru dam was done in 1928 by colonialists, Sasumua was done in 1956. That gives us 60 million liters of water every day. Ndakaini, constructed from 1994-1997, gives us 84% of our water, and it was targeting the population of the year 2002. So, what did we do? Working with the National Government, we have pushed for the completion of Northern Collector I, that will provide 140 million liters.

There is increased supply in many of our wards that you have seen. New pipelines in Langata have ended years of intermittent supply. Residents receive water more frequently. I think there is a gentleman here called Chris Njoroge of Mihango. I don't know if he is around. Chris Njoroge is one of the residents who has appreciated the new connections.

We are also doing work in Ruai. Part of the Eastern Nairobi Water and Sanitation Project has transformed the lives of residents in Embakasi, Utawala, Njiru and Ruai. Having piped water to Chris's house is a celebration. He no-longer relies on borehole water whose quality was not assured when delivered. I have explained to you that we have had a challenge with the numerous boreholes that were done in the year 2021 by Nairobi Metropolitan Services. Because the World Health Organization recommended fluoride level is 1.5 parts per million, in many of them in Eastlands, there were up to six, creating a health threat to our children. Brittle bones and discoloured teeth will be a thing of the past.

In December, I commissioned a new Kshs. 67 million water pipeline from Karen coming through Bomas by gravity from Kabete. That has increased supply. It was amazing going into someone's house in Royal Park Estate and them seeing water coming from their taps. People in Karen were shocked that their meters are bursting because they had never had this commodity. We are not ending there. The work is not yet done. We need more water. I want to tell you that we are now preparing for the optimization of Ngethu Water Treatment Plant in Gatundu North. We lose 30 million liters of water every day through the backwash filtration system. We have now designed a reverse backwash system that will give us around 50 million liters daily in the dry seasons and up to 65 million liters when it is wet.

We are happy yesterday we agreed with the National Government for them to process Maragua 4 dam, which is going to give us another 140 million liters, plus this 65 million liters, giving us 250 million liters. It is possible for us then to solve that strain of water.

I want to thank you for your continued partnership with our water service provider. I want to assure our staff of Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company that we shall not privatize the company. The company will remain in the hands of the people of Nairobi to continue offering services to the people of Nairobi. That will not be done. I also want to assure them, because we had a challenge with the pensioners, initially we wanted a facility, but the rates were not good enough, that we shall make sure that everybody who has worked in this city gets their right when they retire. We shall be coming back to you with a better proposal on how to do that.

Sewer coverage is expanding from 52% to 60% by 2027, with new lines in Riruta, Donholm, Njiru, Kiamaiko and St George's in Kilimani, the ward of my good friend, Hon. Ogeto, who is my local MCA. Ruth Wanjiru, a resident of Metameta in Ngei Ward of my best friend, Hon. Redson, said that the new sewer line in the ward... I wish Hon. Lore would let Hon. Redson listen. A new sewer line in the ward that was completed last year is the best thing that happened to her, having not to jump over raw sewage anymore. We will do more with you and with all of you, because there is dignity that our people deserve. So, even as we move ahead, let us always count the progress that we are making, step by step, day by day and bit by bit. We shall get there. We will get there.

Simplified sewer systems are now serving informal settlements, replacing flying toilets and restoring dignity. We launched the simplified sewer systems to transform sanitation in various informal settlements, which are barely served by the main line. Brian Wasike, a resident of Mukuru, who is here as well today, says dignity has been restored through launching of the simplified water system, away from that flying toilet, which was a menace and a health hazard.

Hon. Members, health is where leadership becomes personal. Nairobi County Hospitals that we have upgraded from level IV to V; Mbagathi, Mama Lucy, Pumwani Maternity, Mama Uhuru Kenyatta and Mama Rachel Ruto, Mutuini, used to always be on the news for the wrong reasons. Children kidnapped or stolen, surgeries botched, people treated without dignity.

There was no single ICU in Nairobi when I became the Governor. Today, we have neonatal ICUs, HDUs, dialysis, and dental services. More than 50 dentists were hired by this County. Services that people thought were a luxury before and complex procedures, are going on. 99 of the 119 facilities are digitized, improving accountability and efficiency. SHA outreach has already reached 2.5 million Nairobians. Currently, we are dealing with a human resource challenge with the unions, because there is only so much that we can be able to offer Nairobians with screenings and vaccinations.

Currently, we are dealing with a human resource challenge with the unions because there is only so much that we can be able to offer Nairobians. There is only so much that we can give one cadre of staff. We have sorted out the issue of salary delays, they are now paid on time and we are asking these workers to get back to work. Let us make progress bit by bit but remember the oaths you took to protect the lives of Nairobians. For those who will fail to come back to work, we

shall declare vacancies and hire people who are willing to work for the residents of Nairobi within the terms that the county government can provide. There must be a closure to that issue.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, key for us has been to secure land titles and leases for the people of Nairobi but more so our public institutions. We have issued close to 3,000 lease titles to Nairobians and institutions that have been long unjustly deprived of their property. My dear Cannon we discussed this as well recently. About the properties owned by the ACK Church. Currently, we have 5,000 leases that are being finalized at the Ministry of Lands; once they are done, we will issue them to the rightful owners. Over 8,500 plots in various county schemes - Kahawa West, Kahawa Jua Kali, Mowlem Ward Regularization, Kayole, Dandora and Kariobangi South have been surveyed and regularization is ongoing.

The majority of what we are doing will be implemented in the sub-counties and further to the ward level. In ensuring we have further devolved services delivery we have operationalized the boroughs and appointed the six managers. These six Borough managers are part of the 8,000 new staff members, most of them young people, who have been recruited in the past three years to offer services to the people of Nairobi in easier and simpler manner. Their recruitment ranges from members of the Executive, the Green Army, and medical services practitioners. The recruitment of 1,460 City Constables has restored security, cleared illegal structures, and regulated traffic. I am sure you also are familiar with these Constables that I have mentioned.

Mr. Speaker, Hon Members, trust is rebuilt through experience. Children learn because they are fed, traders work in dignity, hospitals heal, water flows fairly and opportunity widens. No city progresses while waiting to be persuaded. Citizenship is not a spectator sport. Comply, participate, be vigilant, for perpetual vigilance is the price of progress.

Hon. Members, I honour the mandate given to me by the people of Nairobi. They entrusted me with constitutional powers to transform the city. I will not betray that trust. In the year 2020, Nairobi got into a misadventure that ended up being costly. The NMS experiment left us with Kshs. 16 billion hole in pending bills, low staff morale due to mistreatment and a defilement of devolution. The functions bestowed upon the County Government of Nairobi by the Constitution will remain County functions.

(Applause)

We shall not transfer any function from the County of Nairobi. Nairobi is not just a County; it is the capital city, and collaboration with the National Government is inevitable; in fact, it is encouraged. But in the words of the former late Prime Minister, the father of devolution; *'we must protect devolution for it is the biggest gift given to the people of Kenya by our law'*.

(Applause)

We are pursuing procedures using the Urban Areas Act that talk about the capital city to enhance support in infrastructure, but the city will continue to be governed as a County Government under the law. For those who have been wishing or imagining that that misadventure would happen again in Nairobi, find another County and find another Governor. This Governor, Sakaja Arthur Johnson, shall never go in that direction. The future of Nairobi is ours Hon. Members; let us make Nairobi work consistently, fairly and with dignity for all.

God bless you all! God bless Nairobi! God bless devolution and God bless Kenya!

Lazima iWork!

Hon Speaker, pursuant to Section 30 (2) (j) of the County Government Act, I hereby submit to the County Assembly the Annual Report on the Implementation Status of the County Policies and Plans.

Asanteni sana, Mungu awabariki.

(Applause)

PAPER

ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Hon. Speaker: Your Excellency the Governor, Hon. Members, our Standing Order No. 27 (4) provides, and allow me to quote:

“27 (4) Whenever the Governor delivers the address, a Member may as soon as practicable, thereafter, lay the address on the Table of the County Assembly, following the reading of such address.”

I therefore call upon the Leader of the Majority Party, who is the Leader of the Government Business, Hon. Peter Imwatok, to lay the address by H. E the Governor on the Table of the County Assembly, and give notice of the Motion contemplated in the Standing Order No. 27 (5).

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker of the County Assembly of Nairobi, H.E the Governor of the capital city of Nairobi, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen invited in the Speaker’s Gallery, the Hon. Members of the County Assembly of Nairobi, allow me to lay the following Paper before this Hon. House.

Hon. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 27(4), I beg to lay the following Paper on the Table of this Assembly, today, Wednesday 11th February 2026:

The address of the Governor of Nairobi City County delivered at the Special Sitting of the Nairobi City County Assembly, on Wednesday 11th February 2026.

(The Paper was laid on the Table)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

RECOGNITION OF INVITED GUESTS

Hon. Speaker: Hon. Members, by leave of Chair, I will make further announcements in regards to our guests who have come as we were proceeding. We have at the Speaker's Gallery:

1. H.E. Kang Hyung-Shik, the Korean Ambassador to Kenya.
2. Very Reverend Provost Evans Omolo, Provost of All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi.
3. Mr. Henry Ochieng, CEO Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (KARA).
4. Mr. Vincent, representative from Food for Education
5. Mr. Martin Nangole, the Managing Director, Nairobi City Water and Sewerage Company Limited.

(Applause)

Hon. Members, I would like to request you to be upstanding, and as you do so, Hon. Majority Leader, please proceed and give the notice of Motion.

NOTICE OF MOTION

ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR OF NAIROBI CITY COUNTY

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, thank you for introducing the Ambassador. Hon. Stazo says that he is his schoolmate.

Hon. Speaker: Proceed.

Hon. Peter Imwatok: Hon. Speaker, I beg to give the following notice of Motion:

THAT, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 27 (5), the thanks of the County Assembly be recorded for the exposition of public policy contained in the Address of the Governor, delivered in the County Assembly on Wednesday 11th February 2026, laid on the Table of the Assembly on Wednesday 11th February 2026, which will be deliberated for three days.

Hon. Speaker I beg to give the notice of Motion.

Hon. Speaker: Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Speaker: Your Excellency the Governor, Hon. Members, we have come to the conclusion of the business of the day and it is now time to adjourn. However, your Excellency and Hon. Members before we adjourn I take this opportunity to invite you and our guests to a reception at the Assembly's courtyard and Charter Hall. I also request all Members and our guests to remain upstanding in your places and in silence until the procession of H.E the Governor, the Speaker and the spiritual leaders leave the Assembly.

The Assembly now stands adjourned until Thursday 12th February 2026 at 2.30 p.m., being the hour of business. Thank you, Hon. Members, enjoy your cocktail party.

The House rose at 3.38 p.m.