



19 JANUARY 2026

MEDIA ALERT: MEDIA ACCREDITATION: OFFICIAL OPENING AND STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS (SOPA) ON 25 FEBRUARY 2026 AND DEBATE ON THE SOPA AND PREMIER'S REPLY ON 26 FEBRUARY 2026

Dear media partner

The Official Opening of the third session of the Seventh Parliament of the Western Cape, and the Premier's State of the Province Address (SOPA), will take place on Wednesday 25 February 2026 at the Conville Community Hall, 1 Pienaar Street, Conville, George, at 18:30. The debate on SOPA and the Premier's reply will take place in the same venue on Thursday 26 February 2026 at 08:00 and 12:00 respectively.

MEDIA COVERAGE AND ACCREDITATION

Media representatives have **two options** to cover the events of 25 and 26 February: by in-person attendance or by following the events via livestream on our website.

Media representatives wishing to cover the events by attending **in-person**, should contact the Senior Communication Officer, Matthys Odendal at modendal@wcpp.gov.za before 12:00 on Friday, 14 February, to request accreditation.

Please provide the following information **on a letterhead of the relevant media house**:

- First name
- Surname
- Identity Number
- Name of media house
- Cell number
- Email address

Also **include**:

- Certified copy/copies of IDs of media representative/s
- Complete and attach the approval to use personal information form (POPIA)

Members of the media who have received accreditation will be notified where and when to pick up their accreditation tags.

Photographers and television crews whose equipment has been cleared by security, may also cover the arrival of the Premier at the entrance to the hall.

Photographers will be allowed to take photographs inside the hall. Please note: no flash photography permitted.

TV cameras will be allocated an area inside the hall.

A few points will be available to plug into the audio feed.

The links for the **livestreams** are as follows:

- State of the Province Address, 25 February, 18:30: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/?q=node/20101>
- Debate on the State of the Province Address, 26 February, 08:00: <https://www.wcpp.gov.za/?q=node/20100>
- Reply by the Premier on the State of the Province Debate, 26 February: 12:00:
<https://www.wcpp.gov.za/?q=node/20099>

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