

***HEATH LEDGER: A LIFE IN PICTURES***

*Statement by Minister for Culture and the Arts*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Minister for Culture and the Arts)** [2.02 pm]: I rise today to inform Parliament about the world-first Heath Ledger exhibition, which opened at the Art Gallery of Western Australia on the weekend. I was proud to officially open the exhibition last Friday evening. The exhibition is a fitting tribute to a local boy turned international star. Curated by the Western Australian Museum, featuring objects and photos from the actor's private archives, the exhibition provides a unique insight into the life and work of the charismatic Perth-born star. *Heath Ledger: A Life in Pictures* features objects and photographs from international collections that reveal a multi-talented individual who was driven to push creative boundaries. Visitors will see for the first time the Joker and Nurse Hemming costumes from *The Dark Knight* and the iconic shirts of Ennis del Mar and Jack Twist from *Brokeback Mountain*, and his Best Supporting Actor Oscar, his British Academy of Film and Television Arts award and other awards. The exhibition has been made possible through the generosity of the Ledger family and the executors of Heath Ledger's estate and is a fitting tribute to the actor, who passed away 10 years ago next January. *Heath Ledger: A Life in Pictures* will encourage old fans and new audiences alike to discover a passionate filmmaker, admire a screen legend and celebrate a local hero. The exhibition is expected to attract thousands of visitors from Australia and overseas. It will be on display from 14 October to 29 January and entry is free. I applaud the collaboration between the Museum and the Art Gallery, two of Western Australia's key cultural institutions, and their work with the Ledger family to create this very fitting tribute to one of this state's most famous sons.