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Sir Don McKinnon

Sir Don McKinnon is a former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand. He was the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations from 2000 until 2008.

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Frances Harrison is a journalist.

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Kwasi Kwarteng is the Conservative MP for Spelthorne.

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Sir Ronald Sanders

Sir Ronald Sanders is a diplomat, businessman and scholar. He is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.

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