Varadkar gets a caning from Lord Stoddart over Brexit comments

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Comments from leader of "EU minnow country" go down badly with Brexit peer Lord Stoddart of Swindon

The independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon has taken the new Prime Minister of the Irish Republic, Leo Varadkar to task about his contribution to the ongoing debate over Brexit and advised the "stripling leader of a mini-state" to "learn his trade" before presuming to lecture the United Kingdom.

Lord Stoddart said: "The British people must be getting fed up with EU minnow countries telling them either to stay in the EU or agree to conditions like remaining in the Single Market and the Customs Union, which would effectively keep our country in the EU. The latest culprit is the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic (population 4.7million) Leo Varadkar. He should be reminded that the United Kingdom is the Republic's good friend and a substantial trading partner —indeed, such a good friend and partner that that it gave Ireland a loan of £3billion to save it from bankruptcy caused by its membership of the single currency, during the last recession (I wonder if they have

paid it back yet?).

"This stripling leader of a mini-state should learn his trade before presuming to lecture substantial and successful countries like the United Kingdom on how to proceed on Brexit, particularly after its people have voted in a democratic and free referendum to leave the European Union."