

30 The radioactive isotope caesium-137 decays to barium-137 by emitting a β^- particle.

The masses of the nuclei and of the β^- particle are given in the table.

nucleus or particle	mass / u
caesium-137	136.90709
barium-137	136.90583
β^- particle	5.49×10^{-4}

How much energy is released during the decay of one nucleus of caesium-137?

- A $2.4 \times 10^{-14} \text{ J}$
- B $1.1 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$
- C $1.9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$
- D $2.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$

