

**30** The radioactive isotope caesium-137 decays to barium-137 by emitting a  $\beta^-$  particle.

The masses of the nuclei and of the  $\beta^-$  particle are given in the table.

nucleus or particle	mass / u
caesium-137	136.90709
barium-137	136.90583
$\beta^-$ particle	$5.49 \times 10^{-4}$

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

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

