## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 2/3/2024) Solution

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Clue	Explanation
Give a new job to fool in command (8)	ASS inside REIGN
Dog kind - tailless pointer? (6)	CUR + SOR(t)
One representative in a concert hall arranged help with audition (8,7)	(I + MP) inside anagram of A CONCERT HALL
Reserve, pressing, is coming back strongly (9)	RES + URGENT
Racehorse review in need of backing (5)	RECAP reversed
Charge old copper for a plentiful meal (4)	FEE + D
Image department organised dance and showed off (7)	PR + anagram of DANCE
Get rid of tree close to fence (4)	FIR + fenc(E)
Car changing gear regularly? (5)	Anagram of CAR + g(E)a(R)
Orderly has pipes repaired outside hospital (9)	Anagram of HAS PIPES outside H
Unionists milled around showing extreme disappointment (15)	Anagram of UNIONISTS MILLED
Dance move is played back in party twice (2-2-2)	IS reversed inside (DO + DO)
Pastor quietly sat with her in storage unit (8)	(P + HER) inside SHED
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Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RECORD	Write down customer's starter in wrong order (6)	(C)ustomer inside anagram of ORDER
2 ACCUSE	Blame copper admitted in unusual case (6)	CU inside anagram of CASE
3 & 15-across SOLAR ECLIPSE	Special roles developed for heavenly event (5,7)	Anagram of SPECIAL ROLES
4 GO-AHEAD	Drive around a male with green light (2-5)	GOAD outside (A + HE)
6 UNPOPULAR	Plutonium, crucial to the internal workings of our plan, is out of favour (9)	PU inside anagram of OUR PLAN
7 SEASCAPE	Like eclipse painted in divine artwork (8)	(AS + CAP) inside SEE
8 RETIREES	Wise man upset about weary people who no longer work (8)	SEER reversed outside TIRE
9 VIRTUE	One in five disguised true sexual purity (6)	I inside (V + anagram of TRUE)
14 ENCIRCLED	Cleric, involved in death, is surrounded (9)	Anagram of CLERIC inside END
16 UPGRADED	Promoted guard tossed around paper's first edition (8)	Anagram of GUARD outside (P)aper + ED
17 FASCISTS	Councillor primarily is involved in quick end of callous right-wingers (8)	[(C)ouncillor + IS] inside FAST + callou(S)
19 DISCUS	Talk about not completing an Olympic event (6)	DISCUS(s)
20 FAIRISH	Quite light mixture of gases inhaled by swimmer (7)	AIR inside FISH
21 RACEME	Group of people, men, pruned a flower arrangement (6)	RACE + ME(n)
22 PENTAD	Group of five and ten mucked around inside hippie's hangout (6)	Anagram of TEN inside PAD
25 SUN-UP	Joke with American rising early in the morning (3-2)	(PUN + US) reversed