## AFR Cryptic (Saturday 20/1/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 BUSINESS	Trade vehicles transporting in scaffolding primarily (8)	BUSES outside [IN + (S)caffolding]
5 SPUR	Impulse items included in cosmetics purchases (4)	cosmeticS PURchases
10 TRAIT	Narrow channel with no original feature (5)	(s)TRAIT
11 FLAVOURED	Seasoned side of lamb consumed by pet (9)	(L)amb inside FAVOURED
12 ANCHORING	Fixing one seal broken by chain (9)	(AN + ORING) outside CH
13 LOADS	Youths sucking in oxygen a great deal (5)	LADS outside O
14 FINALE	Members of staff in a legal conclusion (6)	stafF IN A LEgal
15 DOCKING	Medical man, a leader, is fixing a painter (7)	DOC + KING
18 CONTACT	Approach court about concerning law (7)	CT outside ON + ACT
20 SMOOTH	Hypothetical case held in silence is uneventful (6)	MOOT inside SH
22 TEMPT	Entice irregular worker back to employment (5)	TEMP + employmen(T)
24 ROAD- SENSE	Driving skill increased in control of new sedan (4-5)	ROSE outside anagram of SEDAN
25 LASHED	Yobbo hanging outside a storage unit attacked	LOUT outside (A
OUT 26 TWILL	strongly (6,3)  Material that's finishing a legal document (5)	SHED) tha(T) + WILL
27 DINE	Eat serving of food in eatery (4)	fooD IN Eatery
28 DRUMBEAT	Characters from Bermuda experimented with time and rhythmic sound (8)	Anagram of BERMUDA + T

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 BAT-PAD	Bowled at Pakistan's opener and cleared out close-in fielder? (3-3)	B + AT + (P)akistan $+ A(n)D$
2 STANCHION	Support a snitch involved in operation (9)	Anagram of A SNITCH + ON
3 NATIONAL ANTHEM	An animal not worried about the country song (8,6)	Anagram of AN ANIMAL NOT outside THE
4 SUFFICE	Do stuff, ignoring time on ice (7)	STUFF minus T + ICE
6 PARKA	Leave a car with a weatherproof cover (5)	PARK + A
7 REDESIGN	Green is upset about record's final update (8)	Anagram of GREEN IS outside recor(D)
8 SAGGED	Scrambled eggs with a starter of duck went down slowly (6)	Anagram of EGGS A + (D)uck
9 COLLECTORS ITEM	Electric tools fashioned minute piece worth keeping (10,4)	Anagram of ELECTRIC TOOLS + M
16 INTENSIVE	Popular event is not usually demanding (9)	IN + anagram of EVENT IS
17 SCUTTLED	Snow vehicle loaded with hewn tonnes travelled quickly (8)	SLED outside (CUT + T)
19 TARBOY	Plaything, carrying underwear, picked up hired hand in the shearing shed (6)	TOY outside (BRA reversed)
20 SHATTER	Panama producer, say, after small break (7)	HATTER after S
21 MERLOT	Wine retailer's back inside shady motel (6)	retaile(R) inside anagram of MOTEL
23 MASON	Uncle from America turned on builder (5)	SAM reversed + ON